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## Mask giveaway created traffic issues on Saturday

◀ Volunteers hand out COVID-19 masks at the Wilmington Town Hall. Supplies were depleted in less than 45 minutes.

▼ The driveway at the Wilmington Town Hall Saturday morning. The line of traffic stretched all the way back down Glen Road. (photos: BruceHilliard.com)



## Plan to allow students to retrieve belongings

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — As the Wilmington school year draws to a close, a variety of coronavirus-related loose ends still need to be tied up by students and staff alike.

In the abrupt shift to remote learning, many students left personal belongings in desks, lockers, and classroom storage. Superintendent of Schools Glenn Brand told the School Committee that a plan is being developed to allow students to safely retrieve these items.

"We have not forgotten about the personal belongings that are in school," Brand said. "We just need to figure out a plan that obviously keeps everyone safe that can make this possible."

He noted that a protocol would be developed that would keep social distancing guidelines in mind.

"It's not going to be as simple, unfortunately, as sort of opening the doors on a Tuesday afternoon and allow hundreds or thousands of students into the school to get their

belongings," Brand said.

Additionally, Brand made note of district updates with regard to student promotion and graduation at the conclusion of this school year. He noted that the district would be promoting students in the majority of cases, calling promotions "...generally speaking, what research points to."

He noted that there may be some exceptions in "unique circumstances."

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Staff Development Brian Reagan noted that the state would be allowing districts to use math or English grades in place of MCAS scores, for this year only, to justify graduation eligibility. This will not be an issue in Wilmington, however.

"Wilmington is fortunate in that we have no seniors that are still waiting to pass the MCAS for graduation," Reagan said. "That's certainly good news for our community."

Brand noted also that the district is currently finalizing plans to honor the class of 2020 in a way that allows acceptable social distancing.

"Ms. (Linda) Peters has put together a plan that I think is wise," Brand said. He characterized the June ceremony as a combination of the traditional graduation speeches presented by student speakers and district officials, fol-

## Farmers Market opening Sunday, June 14 as planned

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — In preparation for the premiere on June 14, the Wilmington Farmer's Market held a dry run this past Sunday. The purpose was to fine-tune the process that will be used this summer as the market reopens for drive-through service every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot at the 4th of July Building.

While Marketing Coordinator and Webmaster for the Farmer's Market Board of Directors Christine Canevari expressed disappointment for this summer's market not being what they were expecting to offer, she said that they're adapting and remaining open thanks to the support of the town, shoppers, and their vendors.

"Our town was really supportive," Canevari said. Part of the reason that they're still able to open for the summer is be-

cause of the town offering the 4th of July Building parking lot for the test run and the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health providing social distancing guidance that could still be followed.

The Farmer's Market Board of Directors is made up of six volunteers who are passionate about bringing fresh, local food to Wilmington. This group has been together on the board for about three years all together, although the board was

officially launched back in 2010. Each member helps organize and run the farmer's market.

Current President Dana Burnham said the group was also formed from the support of other nearby farmer's markets. Their first farmer's market in Wilmington was held in 2011.

The board's six members established a plan for Sunday's test run based on what the town

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## Wilmington's Paul Malvone brings Boston spirit to Flavortown on 'Guy's Grocery Games'

By CASEY STEVENSON  
Town Crier Intern

WILMINGTON — Paul Malvone brought the heat to Guy Fieri's Flavortown on the hit Food Network show "Guy's Grocery Games."

"Guy's Grocery Games" is a television show, hosted by Guy Fieri, who is more famously known for his long running show "Diners, Drive-Ins,

and Dives."

"GGG" is aired on Food Network, and began on Oct. 20, 2013, and has a total of 256 episodes so far. Each features three chefs from around the United States competing in three rounds of challenges, with each challenge eliminating one of the competitors. The winner has the chance to earn \$20,000.

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## Lunch prices to increase

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — For the first time since FY15, school lunch prices are scheduled to increase in the Town of Wilmington, following a unanimous vote by the School Committee on May 13.

According to Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Administration Paul Ruggiero, the state has recommended a marginal increase in prices in several recent years. The district was ultimately always able

to avoid an increase, until this year. He noted that this increase is not related to COVID-19.

"This has nothing to do with what we're going through right now as a nation, really," Ruggiero said.

In response to a question from committee member David Ragsdale regarding why the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education had recommended such an increase, Ruggiero said that the recommendation pertained to operating expenses.

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## Reopening Massachusetts:

# Baker-Polito Administration initiates transition to first phase

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration released Reopening Massachusetts, the Reopening Advisory Board's report, which details a four-phased strategy to responsibly reopen businesses and activities while continuing to fight COVID-19. The Administration also released a new "Safer At Home" Advisory, which instructs residents to stay at home unless engaging with newly opened activities, as a way to continue limiting the spread of COVID-19.

Starting Monday, based on current public health data and trends, Massachusetts began Phase 1 of a cautious reopening, and workplaces that are permitted to open are required to follow new safety protocols and guidance.

Learn more about the reopening process: [www.mass.gov/reopening](http://www.mass.gov/reopening)

Detailed in Reopening Massachusetts, each phase of the reopening will be guided by public health data and key indicators that will be continually monitored for progress and will be used to determine advancement to future phases. Industries, sectors, and activities that present less risk will open in earlier phases. Those that present more risk will open in later phases.

The 17-member Reopening Advisory Board, co-chaired by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, consists of public health experts, municipal leaders and members of the business community representing many facets of the Massachusetts economy.

Since its formation on April 28, the board met with a total of 75 stakeholder groups ranging from industry associations, regional chambers of commerce, community coalitions, and labor organizations, representing over 112,000 different businesses and more than two million workers across the Commonwealth. The Reopening Advisory Board also considered written comments from over 4,500 employers, organizations, and individuals in the development of its plan.

Safer at Home Advisory:

Effective Monday, the Department of Public Health also updated the Stay at Home Advisory, replacing it with a new, "Safer at Home" Advisory. The new Safer at Home Advisory instructs everyone to stay home unless they are headed to a newly opened facility or activity. It also advises those over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions to stay home with the exception of trips required for health care, groceries, or that are otherwise absolutely necessary.

All residents must continue to wear a face covering in public when social distancing is not possible, and individuals are advised to wash their hands frequently and be vigilant in monitoring for symptoms. Restrictions on gatherings of more than 10 people remain in effect.

**Public Health Metrics:** Key public health metrics will determine if and when it is appropriate to proceed through reopening phases. They include:

- COVID-19 positive test rate;
- Number of individuals who died from COVID-19;
- Number of patients with COVID-19 in hospitals;
- Health care system readiness;
- Testing capacity;
- Contact tracing capabilities.

**Phase 1 Reopening:** Based on the public health metrics, manufacturing facilities and construction sites will open effective today with applicable guidelines.

Places of worship will be able to open with guidelines that require social distancing and encourage services to be held outdoors.

Hospitals and community health centers that attest to specific public health and safety standards can begin to provide high priority preventative care, pediatric care and treatment for high risk patients.

Under a staggered approach, additional Phase 1 sectors of the economy will be permitted to open effective May 25 including:

- Lab space;

- Office space;
- Limited personal services, including: hair salons, pet grooming, car washes;
- Retail: remote fulfillment and curbside pickup;

Also permitted to open on May 25 with applicable guidelines, are the following:

- Beaches;
- Parks;
- Drive-in movie theaters;
- Select athletic fields and courts;
- Many outdoor adventure activities;
- Most fishing, hunting, and boating;
- Outdoor gardens, zoos, reserves, and public installations.

Additional sectors expected to open on June 1 as part of Phase 1 include office spaces in the city of Boston with applicable guidelines.

### Reopening Massachusetts In Phases:

The goal of this phased reopening plan is to methodically allow businesses, services, and activities to resume, while avoiding a resurgence of COVID-19 that could overwhelm the state's health care system and erase the progress made so far.

Each phase will last a minimum of three weeks and could last longer before moving to the next phase;

If public health data trends are negative, specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth may need to return to an earlier phase;

The Commonwealth will partner with industries to draft sector-specific protocols in advance of future phases (example: restaurant-specific protocols will be drafted in advance of Phase 2);

If we all work together to defeat COVID-19, we can proceed through each phase.

Success in earlier phases will refine criteria for future phases including travel, sizes of gatherings, as well as additional retail openings, lodging and accommodations, arts, entertainment, fitness centers, museums, restaurants, youth sports, and other activities.

### Industry-Specific Guidance:

Businesses are not required to reopen, and may not do so if they are unable to follow safety protocols. The Baker-Polito Administration has developed specific guidance so that each industry reopens as safely as possible. Businesses are expected to implement these protocols in addition to the more general Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards.

As of May 18, materials for the sectors eligible to open in the first phase of reopening are included on the [mass.gov/reopening](http://www.mass.gov/reopening) website. Guidance for sectors opening in later phases will be posted online in advance of those phases.

In order to reopen, businesses must develop a written COVID-19 Control

Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. Required materials are located on [mass.gov/reopening](http://mass.gov/reopening), and include detailed sector-specific circulars and checklists to facilitate compliance.

### Self-Certification for Businesses:

Required materials for businesses to self-certify are located on [mass.gov/reopening](http://mass.gov/reopening), and include:

- COVID-19 Control Plan template, which must be retained on premises and provided in the event of an inspection;
- Compliance Attestation poster to be posted in a location visible to employees and visitors indicating a completed COVID-19 Control Plan; and,
- Other posters and signs describing rules for maintaining social distancing, hygiene protocols, as well as cleaning and disinfecting.

Businesses operating to provide Essential Services, as defined in the Governor's March 23, 2020 Executive Order, updated on March 31, April 28, and May 15, may remain open and have until May 25, 2020 to comply with the general workplace safety standards, as well as their industry's sector-specific protocols.

### Health Care:

Effective May 18, hospitals and community health centers who attest to meeting specific capacity criteria and public health/safety standards will be allowed to resume a limited set of in-person preventative, diagnostic and treatment services.

Effective May 25, other health care providers who attest to meeting these standards may resume limited in-person services.

Services that may be performed are limited, based on the provider's clinical judgment to high-priority preventative services, including pediatric care, immunizations, and chronic disease care for high-risk patients, and urgent procedures that cannot be delivered remotely and would lead to high risk or significant worsening of the patient's condition if deferred.

In order for the phased in hospital expansion and non-hospital reopening, the following statewide metrics must be met:

- 30 percent of hospital ICU beds (including staffed surge capacity) must be available;
- 30 percent of total hospital beds (including staffed surge capacity) must be available.

As a precursor, health care providers must meet the following requirements to reopen or expand services, which include:

- Attesting to public health standards and specific guidelines;
- Ensuring adequate personal protective equipment is on hand, reliable supply chain and other supplies and policies in place;
- Infection control readiness (workflow, clean-

- ing, social distancing, etc.);
- Workforce and patient screening and testing protocols; and,
- Hospitals must have ≥ 25 percent ICU and total bed capacity and reopen pediatric ICU and psychiatric beds if they had been repurposed for surge capacity.

### Child Care:

The Commonwealth's mission in reopening is to increase access to child care and youth programs while continuing to protect children and staff and preventing the spread of COVID-19. Child care and summer recreation camps will reopen in a phased approach. The Departments of Early Education and Care and Public Health are developing guidelines that balance families' need for child care with health and safety.

The initial reopening plan will focus on families who have no safe alternative to group care by increasing emergency child care capacity. EEC will also partner with industries returning to work to develop options specific to their workplaces.

In March, the Baker-Polito Administration stood up an emergency child care system to support children of essential workers and vulnerable families with extra virus mitigation protocols. During Phase 1, the emergency child care system we have already in place will be utilized to meet the needs of people with no alternatives for care.

Currently, only 35 percent of the 10,000 child emergency child care capacity is occupied and the system has the ability to serve more families to provide care options as more sectors come back online.

### Transit:

The MBTA has been and will continue to implement measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 across the system to keep employees and riders safer.

While public transportation unavoidably creates some risk of transmission, working together the MBTA, riders and employers can significantly reduce that risk:

- Riders are required to wear face coverings and must make efforts to distance. Riders are asked to avoid riding transit if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19;
- Employers are encouraged to stagger schedules and implement work from home policies to reduce demand, especially during rush hours;
- The MBTA will continue to take protective and preventative measures such as frequently disinfecting and cleaning vehicles and stations and providing protective supplies to workers.

To mitigate risk while providing appropriate levels of service, the MBTA will:

- Support the transit needs of essential workers and those returning to the

workplace in Phase 1 while continuing with limited service to maximize employee and rider safety;

- Ramp up to a modified version of full service by Phase 3, although social distancing efforts will limit effective capacity on vehicles even after full service schedules are restored;

• Actively communicate public health guidance and schedule adjustments in-station, online, and over social media.

### Supplies:

In order to operate, all Massachusetts businesses will need to meet the Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards and relevant Sector-Specific Protocols published by the state. To support businesses, the state has developed a guide to educate business owners on what supplies are needed to return to workplaces, and a portal to connect businesses with manufacturers and distributors. These are now available to business owners via [mass.gov/reopening](http://mass.gov/reopening).

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Educational materials will be provided to define how an employer should prepare their work spaces to reopen and what products are appropriate for employees to protect themselves at work.

While face coverings are critical, medical grade face coverings are not necessary for non-health care workers.

### Schools and Higher Education:

As previously announced, Massachusetts' K-12 school buildings will remain closed through the end of the 2019-20 school year, with remote teaching and learning in place. Schools will continue offering essential non-educational services to their communities. Plans are being made for the summer learning programs and 2020-21 school year, and will be shared with the public in the weeks to come.

Massachusetts' diverse higher education institutions continue to foster teaching, learning, student support, and essential research remotely throughout this time.

They are working together and in partnership with the state to ensure a safe and gradual return to campus life. In the upcoming weeks, institutions will develop customized reopening plans with safety of their communities in mind.

## New model of library service in response to COVID-19

By **TINA STEWART**  
Library Director

Along with public libraries across the country, Wilmington Memorial Library is closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In keeping with Governor Charlie Baker's Stay At Home Advisory, staff have been working remotely promoting and expanding our electronic services including downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, etc., as well as responding to patron's requests for new library cards and assisting them with questions on using these resources.

Library staff are now offering a variety of virtual programs including storytime, book discussions, lectures and more. The Youth Services staff is in the process of developing a virtual summer reading program and look forward to keeping kids reading all summer long with creative and innovative events and incentives.

Given the social distancing requirements that are expected to be in place for the foreseeable future, all in house library programs have been cancelled as well as all outdoor summer events including the annual Town

Wide Yard Sale, Big Trucks, and the Summer Bash.

To keep up to date on all library events and available resources, I encourage everyone to sign up for the library's weekly email newsletter. Check out all the above at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org)

The Library Administration is in the process of developing a phased reopening plan of library service based on guidelines from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Going forward, this phased plan will need to be flexible as new information is forthcoming.

Although having many patrons in the library attending programs, browsing, studying, using computers, etc is what we strive for, this temporary model of service requires us to do the opposite. Please know that the Wilmington Memorial Library will do its best to provide library services in the least restrictive way possible while ensuring the health of patrons and staff.

We look forward to the day when the library can return to full service. Until then, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging times.

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**Fake Charities:** Groups masquerading as charitable organizations solicit donations from unsuspecting contributors. Donors should be wary of charities with names similar to familiar or nationally known organizations. Contributors should take a few extra minutes to make sure their hard-earned money goes to legitimate charities. IRS.gov has the tools taxpayers need to check out the status of charitable organizations.

**Excessive Claims for Business Credits:** Business owners should avoid improperly claiming the fuel tax credit, a tax benefit generally not available to most taxpayers. The credit is usually limited to off-highway business use, including use in farming. Taxpayers should also avoid misuse of the research credit. Improper claims often involve failures to participate in or substantiate qualified research activities or satisfy the requirements related to qualified research expenses.

**Offshore Tax Avoidance:** Successful enforcement actions against offshore cheating show it's a bad bet to hide money and income offshore. People involved in offshore tax avoidance are best served by coming in voluntarily and getting caught up on their tax-filing responsibilities.

**Frivolous Tax Arguments:** Frivolous tax arguments may be used to avoid paying tax. Promoters of frivolous schemes encourage taxpayers to make unreasonable and outlandish claims about the legality of paying taxes despite being repeatedly thrown out in court. The penalty for filing a frivolous tax return is \$5,000.

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## History:

# Truck driver just wanted to get out of town

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Wilmington is nearly 290 years old and for two-thirds of that time, it has been divided by a railroad track. When it was built in 1835, the Boston & Lowell Railroad installed bridges over the tracks to avoid having horse & wagons hit by locomotives.

That system worked quite well for nearly a century. But as time wore on, the bridges wore out. Into the 1960s, the town had seven old, rickety wooden bridges over the Lowell tracks. The town owned the roads leading up to the bridges, but the railroad owned the bridges.

Occasionally, a bridge would be damaged by a gravel truck, or maybe by an oversized railroad car. Or the railroad might close a bridge for repairs. In certain areas of town, this would present a serious problem. Yes, traffic could go to another bridge, unless that, too, was closed.

There was no coordination between the town departments and the railroad in planning road clo-

sures. The town often had to fight with the railroad over repairs to the bridges.

In June 1962, the railroad was called to repair the Nichols Street bridge, and then the Eames Street bridge. Those two bridges, at opposite ends of town, were an inconvenience, but not a serious problem.

Meanwhile, a major reconstruction project was underway on the Burlington Avenue bridge, Route 62, right in Wilmington Square.

In July, however, the town hit the "tri-fecta" of detours.

Most drivers in the area knew they could use Butters Row and Chestnut Street to reach Burlington Avenue. Or they could zig-zag through Cedar Street, Burt Road and Harris Street.

What are the chances that all three roads would be closed?

The town Water Department had a water main replacement project underway on Butters Row. At the same time, the Highway Department was

repaving Cedar Street.

One report came in of a local taxi driver called to Avco for a passenger wanting to go to Concord. Knowing that the Burlington Avenue bridge was closed, the cabbie figured he could save time by going down Butters Row.

When he got there, he found that the Water Department had the road closed.

So the taxi driver headed over the Shawshen Avenue bridge to cut through Cedar Street. But there he hit the Highway Department paving project.

The driver finally went to Aldrich Road, and then to Forest Street to Burlington Avenue, and on to Concord.

The cabbie had it easy, compared to an out-of-town truck driver traveling in the other direction. He came in from Burlington, headed east on Route 62, but was unable to cross the Burlington Avenue bridge. So he turned around and then took a right onto Harris Street, only to find that Cedar Street was being paved. He had to back up

and turn the truck around.

Then he found Chestnut Street, a meandering country road, hardly a good truck route. But he was unable to go down Butters Row due to the water main installation. Again, he turned the truck around and drove back down Chestnut Street.

Then he found a woman on Chestnut Street, who told the story to the *Town Crier*. He didn't ask her how to get onto Route 62 on the other side of the bridge. His question was more direct.

"Lady," he said, "just tell me how to get out of this town!"

The railroad went bankrupt and the bridges were taken over by the state DPW. One by one, they have been replaced or removed. Only one wooden bridge remains, that being on Butters Row. Ironically, it was rebuilt about 40 years ago after a sewer installation damaged it.

However, since the sewer project did not include the bridge, and there were no plans ready for a new one, the bridge was rebuilt on the old design.

## Book Stew Review

## 'Less' by Andrew Sean Greer

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This gentle summary of the advent of middle age is so insightful, witty, and poignant that it's a great choice for the Pulitzer (as one character says: it's not Pew-litzer, it's Pull-itzer) Prize for Fiction, 2019.

The main character, author Arthur Less, was the lover of a famous poet for 20 years, and when the relationship ends, he is ready for a new partner but feels adrift at 40, especially in San Francisco, where most of the men his age are MIA due to AIDS.

When Arthur becomes involved with the son of a long-time literary rival, he knows that it should

not last due to their age gap. And so for his 50th birthday, Arthur runs away by planning a journey around the world, from Mexico to Italy to Morocco to South India. The novel is part delicious travelogue and part examination of a life that could have been lived better with more self-examination.

It's a delightful read, an unusual combination of levity and substance.

Quotes: "He kisses like — how do I explain it? Like he has nothing to lose. There are some men who have never been kissed like that. There are some men who discover, after Arthur Less, that they never will be again."

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## 13 graduate from Fitchburg State University

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University recently concluded the 2019-20 academic year, conferring 559 undergraduate degrees and 379 graduate degrees to students from more than 30 states and countries around the world.

## TEWKSBURY

- Nadezhda L. Badenhansen, BS, Criminal Justice
- Ryan J. Bednarek, BS, Industrial Technology
- Phillip M. Borges, BS, Criminal Justice
- Kristin L. Brekalis, MED, Curriculum and Teaching
- Julia B. Gilligan, BSE, Elementary Education 1-6
- Nicole J. Kopacz, BS, Biology
- Christian M. Lucchesi, BS, Industrial Technology
- Douglas R. Sheehan, BS, Communications Media
- Katelyn M. Vocell, BS, Exercise and Sports Science

## WILMINGTON

- Amy J. Colby, MED, Curriculum and Teaching
- Celia-Marie Danciewicz, BS, Nursing, LPN to BS
- Courtney A. Jensen, BSE, Middle School Education
- Courtney A. Jensen,

BS, English Studies  
• Brendan B. O'Flaherty

While the in-person commencement ceremony has been postponed, University President Richard S. Lapidus saluted the Class of 2020 in a letter to graduates.

"You have been thrust into unimaginable circumstances, with the expectations for your final semester completely upended with barely a moment's notice. And yet, you have endured. You have risen to the challenges that confronted you, and overcome them to arrive at this milestone.

"Be proud of what you have accomplished, for it is no small feat. Even in the best of times, the completion of your college degree is a journey rightly filled with difficulty — which is, of course, part of what makes it worthwhile. Finishing a degree means working successfully under pressure, challenging one's limitations and broadening your horizons in pursuit of a lofty goal.

"Like the thousands of alumni who have graduated from Fitchburg State before you, your arrival at this moment means your hard work has paid off. You have earned a credential, yes, but more importantly

you have developed critical thinking skills that will serve you in the months, years and decades to come. You have honed your own ability to learn, to take in and evaluate new information, and to put it in service of your ambitions.

"You arrived at this moment thanks to the dedication of a talented faculty, whose own lifelong commitment to their disciplines has been shared with you in their classrooms and laboratories during your time here. And our committed university staff have provided you the tools to learn and be supported through these extraordinary times.

"Our entire community is disappointed that we cannot celebrate your achievement in person just yet, but know that we will do so as soon as it is safe. For the accomplishments of the Class of 2020 are many, and deserving of respect.

"In the meantime, know that you distinguished yourselves in a chapter of history that will never be forgotten, and may you remember the lessons of this incredible time as proof that you can truly accomplish anything you set out to achieve.

"Congratulations, be well, and we will see you soon."

## Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

BATON ROUGE, LA — The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

- Cynthia Petrucci of Wilmington at Salem State University
- Christine Ungaro of Wilmington at Salem State University
- Robert Hawes of Tewksbury at Salem State University
- Emma Lee of Tewksbury at Salem State University

They are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines.

Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of

scholars in service to others."

## More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards nearly \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.

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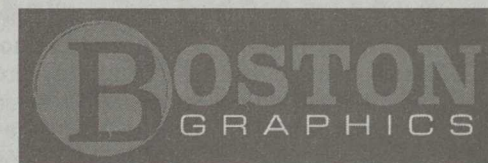
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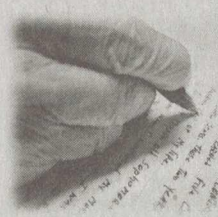


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## Letters to the editor

### Patriotic Door Decorating Campaign for Memorial Day

To the editor,  
The Wilmington Department of Veterans Services would like to announce a Patriotic Door Decorating Campaign to remember the men and women who died while serving in the military.

We are encouraging residents to decorate their front doors with a patriotic theme while avoiding the term "Happy Memorial Day" to reflect the solemn meaning of the holiday.

The Wilmington Apple will be helping keep track of where the doors are located so that residents may enjoy them. Photos of the doors may be sent to [wilmingtondoorproject2020@gmail.com](mailto:wilmingtondoorproject2020@gmail.com) and will be uploaded to the Wilmington MA Veterans Services Facebook Page.

Thank you,  
Lou Cimaglia IV  
Director, Veterans Services

### Celebrating Memorial Day

## Honor those who fought then and who fight today

To the editor,  
Every crisis has new heroes. During the 9/11 attacks, they were the first responders running into burning and crumbling buildings as others ran out. Now, during the coronavirus pandemic, the most visible heroes are the health care professionals, who are saving others and risking their own lives while doing so.

These heroes have much in common with the people that we honor today — America's fallen veterans. They are men and women who have sacrificed their own lives so others could live. They are both elite and ordinary. They are elite in the sense of character. Giving your life so others could live is the ultimate definition of selfless.

They are ordinary in the fact that they represent the diverse fabric of our country. They are rich and poor, black and white, male and female. They come from every ethnicity and background. In short, they looked like anyone of us.

As we celebrate the selfless and untiring performances of the healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, it brings to mind the military medics, doctors and nurses who sacrificed their lives while treating others on the battlefield.

One such hero was Pharmacist Mate Third Class Jack Williams. The Navy Reserve corpsman was only 20 years old when he landed on Iwo Jima 75 years ago.

On March 3, 1945, James Naughton, a Marine in Williams' unit, was wounded by a grenade. While under intense enemy fire, Williams dragged Naughton to a shallow depression and treated his wounds. Williams used his own body as a screen and was shot four times. Yet he continued.

After he treated Naughton, Williams dressed his own wounds. He then proceeded to treat another Marine, despite his own

immense pain. While heading to the rear, he was hit by a sniper's bullet and killed. For his actions, Petty Officer Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor.

We also remember Army veterans like Lieutenant Sharon Lane.

According to her biographer, Philip Bigler, Lt. Lane threw herself into her work as a nurse. While serving in Colorado, she requested a transfer to Vietnam.

"There, at least, you are busy 12 hours a day, six or seven days a week," she said in a 1968 letter to her parents.

Her dedication was obvious, even as she treated enemy Viet Cong soldiers who would return the favor by kicking, cursing and spitting at their American captors.

In the early morning of June 8, 1969, Sharon's tour of duty ended. A Soviet-built rocket struck the hospital. Lieutenant Sharon A. Lane was killed in action at age 25.

If she were still here, her skills as a nurse might still be benefiting us during the current crisis. But not all of the heroes working during the COVID-19 pandemic are in the healthcare industry. Grocers, first responders, delivery workers and drive-through restaurant employees are just a few of the many people that we rely on to provide vital services for society while risking their own safety.

The military also has heroes in every occupational field. Truck drivers, cooks and administrative clerks have all paid the ultimate price. At sea, on land or in the air — military service requires great risk.

Roy Knight, Jr. was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. On May 19, 1967, he was shot down while attacking a target on the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos. He was posthumously promoted to colonel. Last year, a joint team from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting

## Hard decision for governor in announcement on reopening

By PAUL ANDREWS

Governor Charles Baker stepped to the microphone on Monday to talk about some decisions that his committee had formulated in terms of potential openings for business firms and other areas of our economy, as the pressure has been building all across the country.

The problem with this task force is that these decisions that were announced are just not simple as many fatal cases of the coronavirus-19 are still taking place each day. Decisions on what to open or keep closed for a period of time are hard ones for any committee to make and governor to announce.

My concern is that there will be no way to make all folks happy with the decisions that I feel are very conservative and manifest a caution on a number of openings, while these fatal cases of COVID-19 continue. At the same time, I have to give a huge shout out for the way in which our population has handled this issue in Massachusetts.

To see cities and towns come to a halt for so long and to realize the financial loss for many business firms and families, this is such a huge credit to our people for following

ing our state and local leaders though media requests.

What a huge manifestation of support and belief, as our people could see the number of COVID-19 cases locally, who they knew or recognized becoming victims of this virus, not to mention the number of fatalities. These numbers are still out there as Massachusetts has been one of the so-called "hot spots" for this pandemic as the statistics reflect on television screens and newspapers every day.

As they say, you cannot please all the people all the time, which will be the result of the governor's announcement, as people protested at his Swampscott home area this past weekend. Please, whether you are a Democrat or Republican, why don't people give the governor a chance to have a few hours at home, as he has been working night and day to try to make the right decisions.

Let me put it this way, I would rate his thinking as "solid and precise" to this point and feel the wisdom of his advisory committee will be in the best interest of those, where they decide "at this time" will not elevate the "virus spread" by a return to being open.

Return the census form

Please take a few minutes to return the census form that was sent to your home in recent weeks and months as local officials have been promoting from the State House to Town Hall and City Hall. This is important as your completion of the form will provide the data that will allow your community many things but especially a correct amount of federal dollars for the operation of your city or town.

Just for the record, there were forms sent out months ago and again just about one month ago from those not received so try to see if one arrived at your home and was returned. I know how much "junk mail" arrives at your home and understand how someone in haste could have accidentally getting rid of this form but this should be a priority for the week.

### JUST A NOTE

My thanks for your comments on the COVID-19 piece last week but I short-changed you on some Morning Pulse extractions that I will make up this week: Social Security recipients "may" be in for a rude awaken-

ing later this year; Artificial intelligence can't yet learn common sense; Gasoline demand improves as states reopen and drivers hit the road but still down 30 percent; Oil falls as fears of a second coronavirus wave takes hold; The IRS is hiring consultants to crack down on cryptocurrency tax evasion; Nearly one in three Americans are planning to take a road trip this summer; Millennials step into caregiving roles for aging parents; Wuhan, China to test the whole city of 11 million, as new cases emerge; Employees sweat it out in absence of central air-conditioning in parts of our country; Women in lower grade jobs hit by pension change at greater risk of depression; Healthcare sector lost stunning 1.4 million jobs in April; COVID-19 leaves 41 percent of employees feeling burnt out, drained or exhausted; The Stock Market keeps rising, while earnings keep falling; Higher Ed will never be the same and 82 percent of Canada's COVID-19 deaths have been in long term care.

I hope that keeps you up to date or maybe depressed but that is an update and feel free to e-mail me at [andrews@massupt.org](mailto:andrews@massupt.org)

## Steps can be taken to help small businesses

To the editor:

Over the course of the past few weeks, cases of the coronavirus here in Massachusetts have steadily declined. Governor Baker and his team acted swiftly and decisively at the beginning of the outbreak, and we achieved our goal: flattening the curve. Now, it's time to reopen the economy and begin our steep climb out of this economic downturn.

As of 2019, small businesses operating in Massachusetts made up 99.5 percent of all businesses

in the state and employed 1.5 million people. These businesses are the anchor of our community.

They help families make rent and mortgage payments, car payments, tuition and more. The longer we keep businesses "locked down," the less and less likely it becomes for them to return at all.

Take a look at the businesses deemed essential — they have all been able to find ways to keep their employees and customers safe in a way that works for them. Why not give all

businesses that opportunity?

There are some common sense steps the legislature can take to increase economic activity and help small businesses bounce back. Permanently reducing the sales tax to five percent will make our retailers more competitive with businesses across the New Hampshire border. Temporarily suspending the meals tax for 90 days will encourage families to go out to eat and enjoy local restaurants.

Since March, nearly

1,000,000 Massachusetts workers have filed for unemployment benefits.

Leaders at the State House need to do everything in their power to get these people back to work. It starts with re-opening our economy and trusting in the innovation and ingenuity that small businesses are built on.

Sincerely,  
Alec DiFruscia  
Republican Candidate  
for State Representative,  
19th Middlesex  
Tewksbury

## ~Recycling Tips of the Week~

- While paper products are in short supply, switch to cloth napkins.
- Paper towels and tissues are not recyclable. The fibers are too short to be useful.
- Glass vases from Mother's Day are not recyclable. Save to donate to a thrift store or reuse in your home.
- Consider farm stands as a way to get your produce and eggs without going into the grocery store.

Agency discovered and later identified Col. Knight's remains.

When his remains arrived at Dallas's Love Field, a crowd had gathered to witness the dignified transfer of the flag-draped casket from the Southwest Airlines jet into the receptive arms of the military honor guard. One observer reported that the entire crowd fell silent.

The Southwest flight was piloted by another Air Force veteran, Col. Knight's son, Bryan. Bryan Knight was only five-years-old when he said goodbye to his father as the elder Knight left for Vietnam.

This is yet another legacy that these heroes leave behind. A legacy that includes their sons, daughters, grieving parents, grandparents and friends. Their heroic acts are sometimes performed to protect those with whom they serve. Corporal Jason Dunham was a squad leader with the Third Battalion, 7th Marines in Iraq.

On April 14, 2004, his squad approached a Toyota Land Cruiser. After his squad discovered AK-47s in the vehicle, the enemy insurgent exited and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the unit. The driver dropped a grenade.

To save his fellow Marines, Corporal Dunham

made the ultimate sacrifice. He threw himself on the grenade and tried to use his helmet to shield the blast. Severely wounded by the grenade's fragments, Cpl. Dunham was taken off life-support eight days later.

Corporal Dunham died so other Marines could live. He, too, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his gallantry.

Approximately one million men and women of the U.S. military have lost their lives in defense of our nation since the founding of this great Republic.

Not all have died from enemy fire. Some have died from diseases that have too often festered around war zones. Often times, deaths from disease and accidents outnumbered casualties caused by enemy weapons.

During the Spanish American War, 60 soldiers of the all-black 24th Infantry Regiment volunteered to serve as nurses. 36 of them would later die of yellow fever or malaria. A generation later, the flu would kill nearly 16,000 U.S. soldiers in France during World War I. Another 30,000 American servicemen died in stateside camps. These men and women could have isolated safely in their homes. But they knew they had an important job to do. A mission to

accomplish. They were all on a mission to serve.

Even when the enemy is an invisible virus or a microscopic germ, the sacrifices made are just as meaningful. The U.S. military has already lost servicemembers to COVID-19.

This Memorial Day as we continue to honor those

who fell for us in battle, let's also pause to remember those who have also sacrificed their lives while serving others.

May God bless them and may God bless you for remembering them here today.

— The American Legion

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# OBITUARIES

## Richard C. Celata, Sr.

*Enjoyed restoring and building old cars*

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Richard C. Celata, Sr., 77, of North Reading and Wilmington, on May 13, 2020 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers.

Richard was born on Aug. 12, 1942, in Medford, to Michael A. Celata, Sr. and Julia (Hermandinger) Celata. He was raised in Medford before settling in Wilmington.

He was a proud 4th degree and lifelong member of the Wilmington Knights of Columbus. So passionate about old cars, he spent countless hours building and restoring all kinds with his son Richie. He especially loved his first project — a 1933 Plymouth.

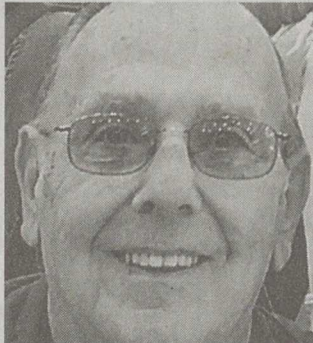
In recent years, he could be seen restoring and driving a 1987 Chevy pickup, a 1955 Chevy Belair, a 1955 Ford pickup, a 1949 Mercury and his latest project — a 1970 Cadillac

Coupe de Ville. He attended many local car shows where he loved to share his work.

Richard is survived by his dear friend Carol S. Celata of Wilmington, with whom he shared three children. He was the devoted father of Julie M. DeCosta and her husband Gerard DeCosta, of Litchfield, NH, Richard C. Celata, Jr. and his wife Kelley Celata of Wilmington, and Mary Ellen Borland and her husband Lee Borland, of North Reading.

Loving grandfather, "Papa Rich," to his four grandchildren Anthony and Alison Celata of Wilmington and Emma and Alex Borland of North Reading who were the love of his life.

Dear son of the late Michael A. Celata Sr. and Julia A. Celata. Cherished brother of the late Michael A. Celata Jr. and the late Stephen J. Celata.



Private graveside services will be held at Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for a later date.

Memorial donations in Richard's name may be made to the American Heart Association at 300 5th Avenue, Suite 6 Waltham, MA 02451.

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## Helen (Elia) Pilla

*Loved to travel, especially with granddaughter*

Helen (Elia) Pilla, age 85, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on May 16, 2020.

Helen was born on Jan. 8, 1935; she was the cherished daughter of the late John and Olga (Starve) Elia.

Helen lived in Wilmington for her entire life. She graduated from Wilmington High School in 1953 as class valedictorian and then married Tim, her husband of 49 years, on Aug. 19, 1956.

Helen and Tim were "Mom and Dad" to many members of the Ski Haus staff for years. They loved to travel, both in and out of the United States.

After Tim passed away, she would travel with her family and especially with her granddaughter Lily on

whom she bestowed the "wanderlust."

She will be remembered fondly by many.

Helen was the devoted mother of Patricia McGaughan and her husband Brian of Berwyn, PA, Wayne Pilla and his wife Kelly of Salem, NH and Steven Pilla and his wife Jacqui of North Andover.

She was the loving "Grammy" of Zachary, Lily, Lizzie, Ashton, Cam and Sydney.

Dear sister of Michael Elia of Wilmington, the late Olga Christo and the late John Elia.

Helen is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

Due to the current situation with the coronavirus and for everyone's safety, the Pilla family has decided to have a private service at this time. A Celebration of Helen's life will be held at a later date.



In lieu of flowers, donations in Helen's memory may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, P. O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515.

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## Dorothy A. (Murphy) Sullivan

*Private service due to coronavirus*

Dorothy A. (Murphy) Sullivan, age 86, of Wilmington, passed away on May 15, 2020 at the Blaire House in Tewksbury.

Dorothy was the beloved wife of the late Richard Sullivan, devoted mother of Robert Sullivan and his wife Kathleen of Wilmington, Michael Sullivan and his wife Susan of Salem, NH, and the late Carol A. Holden, loving "Meme" of James Holden, Krystal Browne, Courtney Holden, Michael Sullivan, Kelsey Sullivan and Meghan Sullivan, "Great-Meme" of Joseph Browne and Bray-

don Sy, cherished daughter of the late William and Julia (Kiley) Murphy, dear sister of William Murphy of Wilmington.

Dorothy is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Due to the current situation of the coronavirus and for everyone's safety, the Sullivan family has decided to do a private service at this time.

Memorial donations in Dorothy's name may be made to New England Hospice, 190 Old Derby St., Suite 304, Hingham, MA 02043.



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## Kenneth J. Cleary

*Coached basketball, football and hockey*

Kenneth J. Cleary, age 89, of Cambridge, formerly a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on May 16, 2020.

Kenneth was the beloved husband of Eleanor M. (Gardner) Cleary, devoted father of Kenneth J. Cleary and his wife Joanne of Cambridge, Jeanne E. Cleary of Watertown, and John G. Cleary and his wife Kathy of Bedford, New Hampshire, loving grandfather of Kenneth J. Cleary II and fiancée Sarah Mathews, James A. Cleary and his wife Carol, Sean A. Cleary and his wife Elysse, Robert S. Cleary and his wife Deborah, Nathan C. Greess, Matthew Cleary and his fiancée Caitlin Canetti, Krista J. Cleary-Arel and her husband Matt, and Tucker Cleary, and the great grandfather to Thomas, Peter, Andrew, Charlie, Paul, Jaxson, and Leon, and the cherished son of the late James A. and Elinor M. (Graham) Cleary, dear brother of David G. Cleary of Andover and the late James Cleary of Chicago, and treasured uncle to many beloved nieces and nephews.

Ken graduated from Rindge Technical High School in 1948, a stand out there in track and football. Ken met the love of his life, Ellie, in the 8th grade at a church dance. After high school they married and spent their lives together with family al-

ways at the center.

Ken was an active member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church, singing in the choir and impacting the lives of youth as a counselor in the MYF.

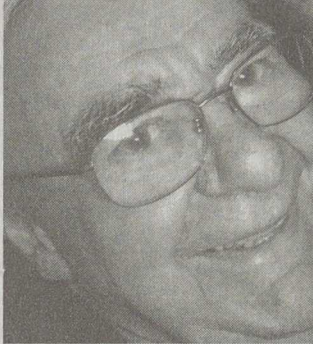
An avid sports fan, Ken coached MYF basketball, Wilmington Pop Warner Football, Cambridge Youth Hockey, and the Valley Junior Warriors where his grandchildren played.

Ken found a passion for travel and the outdoors, leading many trips on the Appalachian trails, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, and an annual backpack ski trip into Zealand Hut with family and friends.

He and Ellie traveled all 50 states together, 49 of them in their RV, making dear friends and music all along the way. Ken played music by ear and he could be heard leading many a family and group sing-alongs, strumming away on the guitar/banjo, or rocking away on the piano or harmonica.

In 1991, Ken retired from the MBTA after 30 years in the subway's Central Division. He received multiple commendations. As Governor Michael Dukakis said during his commendation ceremony, "To stop an argument or start a train, call Cleary."

Ken was a lifelong learner, always reading and discussing philosophy, religion and history. He was a



staunch Liberal, however, Ken's love of people far exceeded his love of ideas.

Ken and Ellie were married for 67 years, and their mutual devotion was unparalleled. Although the reality of COVID-19 kept the rest of his family he so dearly loved a painful distance away, his beloved wife Ellie was with him until the end. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

Due to the current situation with the coronavirus and for everyone's safety, the Cleary family will have a private interment. A Celebration of Ken's life will be held at a later date.

In memory of Kenneth Cleary, donations be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club, 10 City Square, Boston, MA, 02129 or via their website at [www.outdoors.org/honor-memorial-gift](http://www.outdoors.org/honor-memorial-gift).

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## Extra trash and yard waste collections

TEWKSBURY — Trash Stickers: are available for trash bags that will not fit in your trash toter once the lid is down. Stickers are \$5 each and once purchased, you place them on your extra trash bags. Those bags go out on trash day curbside.

Please make sure the stickers are facing in a way that the trash truck sees them. Bags cannot weigh over 50 pounds, cannot contain construction material and will not be picked up without a trash sticker.

How to purchase Trash Stickers: you may mail in a request for stickers to the Town Manager's Office, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. Attn: Town Manager's Office. You can also drop off your request in the Town Hall drop box located to the left of the parking lot entrance door. There is another drop box located between the Town Annex

and its parking lot.

Please include a self addressed stamped envelope, and a check payable to the Town of Tewksbury for the amount of trash stickers you require (\$5 per sticker). Please don't forget to include your contact information (including phone number).

Yard Waste collection began Monday, May 4, 2020 and will be as follows:

- Week of May 18 - Leaves
- Week of May 26 - Leaves
- Week of June 8 - Leaves
- Week of June 15 - Leaves

How to prepare for branch collection: branches and small shrubs shall be placed in separate trash barrels or tied into bundles. Branches shall be NO MORE THAN three feet in length and four inches in diameter. Please do not

use plastic bags (will NOT be picked up). Avoid mixing grass clippings, pine needles and pine cones.

How to prepare for leaf collection: leaves shall be placed in paper bags or separate trash barrels. Leave curbside a few feet away from your trash and recycling toters.

See <https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/trash-recycling/pages/branch-leaf-christmas-tree-pickup> for Your Street's Pick Up DAY.

"We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation to make sure we're doing the right thing for the communities we serve. This includes working closely with public health experts and other advisors as well as adhering to CDC and OSHA guidance and following state governmental declarations of emergency and stay-at-home orders."

— Republic Services

## Robert E. Williams

*Served in the National Guard*

Robert E. Williams, a life-long Wilmington resident, passed away on Monday, May 11 at 84 years old.

Bob grew up in Wilmington and was in the first class to graduate from the original Wilmington High School in 1954, where he played football. Bob also served in The National Guard.

Bob was active in the "Skirts and Flirts" square dancing club as well as the Wilmington Youth Hockey Association in the 1970s. He was very proud of the parade float he helped create during the 1976 Bicentennial parades, where the hockey players skated on the back of it.

He was also a major contributor to the haunted house fundraiser at the outdoor skating rink at the old schoolhouse on Chestnut Street.

Bob started Williams Sign Erection with this father in the 1950s and would later be joined by his brother Charles, and son Robert. Bob was very proud of his company and the cranes he built himself.

Bob was also an inventor, creative thinker and was ahead of his time regard-

ing health and nutrition. His strong will and healthy lifestyle contributed to his success with battling Multiple Sclerosis.

Bob was the beloved husband of Janet (Kennedy) Williams of 57 years, devoted father of Robert C. Williams and wife Gail (Link) Williams of Raynham, Tammy (Williams) Musto and husband Nicholas Musto of Wilmington, Terry (Williams) Steen and husband Robert Steen of Wilmington, Suzanne (Williams) Krull and husband Robert Krull of Wilmington, David Williams and wife Terry (Miller) Williams of Methuen.

He was a loving grandfather of 12 grandchildren, Sarah & Robert Williams, Robert, Connor, Katelyn & Madison Musto, Elizabeth, Joseph, Michael & Owen Steen and Chloe & Evan Krull.

He was the cherished son of the late Charles F. Williams & Gertrude (Farrell) Williams of Wilmington. Bob was the brother of the late Charles F. Williams, Jr. and his late wife Ruth of Maynard, and is survived by his brother William "Dutchie" Williams and his wife Joan of Arlington, VA. He also is survived by many nieces,



nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's name may be made to the Parish of Transfiguration (St. Thomas Church), 126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, MA 01887 or Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, c/o Philanthropy, 41 Mall Rd, Burlington, MA 01805.

Bob will always be remembered by his "never give up" and "never say can't" spirit.

Due to the current situation of the coronavirus and for everyone's safety, the Williams family has decided to do a private service at this time. A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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## St. Williams Church reopens this weekend

TEWKSBURY — St. Williams Church in Tewksbury will reopen this Saturday at 4 p.m. to begin traditional services, then continue on Sunday morning and afternoon.

After being closed for months due to the gover-

nor's stay-at-home advisory, parishioners can return in a limited capacity. Service will be limited to 120.

The church is trying to arrange a sign-up so church goers don't show up and get turned away

due to overcrowding.

Anyone who does come must wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

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# Lifestyle

## Take a walk on the Methuen Rail Trail



A handy bike repair station is one of the amenities along the Methuen Rail Trail.

(Paige Impink photos)



The 18 acre Nevins Bird Sanctuary is a nice diversion just steps off the trail. There is also a heron rookery along the Spicket River by the trail.

By PAIGE IMPINK  
News Correspondent  
paige@yourtowncrier.com

Looking for a flat, paved stretch of road to explore? The Methuen Rail Trail may be for you. The trail is a 2.4 mile stretch that runs from Methuen to Salem, New Hampshire on a section of the former Lawrence and Manchester branch of the Boston and Maine railroad corridor.

The MRT connects to the Salem Rail Trail and the Spicket Greenway, though the day we visited we just walked it as an "out and back" trail. We walked from the parking lot at Railroad Avenue in Methuen to the parking lot at Hampshire Road, just over the border.

The trail was founded in 2009 by volunteers who started clearing an old rail bed which would eventually become the trail. The path had a major makeover in 2018 through efforts of citizens and the community. The hardpacked surface is perfect for walking or cycling. Dogs on leash are permitted.

We found the trail parking lot to be of high quality. Benches, an informational kiosk, and a bike repair station were pleasantly spaced in the wide open area. The depot was restored and is used as office space as well as a shade cover at the Railroad Street parking lot.

The rail was abandoned in 2002 after passenger and freight service ceased. The trail crosses the Spicket River and the 18 acre Nevins bird sanctuary, passes Nevins Farm MSPCA, and edges a heron rookery. Species of note in the sanctuary include Red Tail Hawks, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, American Bittern, Killdeer, Spotted Sand-

piper, Wood Ducks, Mallards, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, Chimney Swifts, American Goldfinch, Eastern Kingbird, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Cedar Waxwing.

Bird sightings have also included Egret, Black Ducks, Cormorant and Osprey. There is a bit of trash in the sanctuary and some tree damage, but the birds seem plentiful nonetheless.

The trail crosses the Spicket River which is considered to be the reason the City of Methuen was established. Mills sprung up along the river in the 1800s, including a woolen mill and an organ factory, along with numerous textile operations. The river became a way to remove waste from the city as was common for the times.

Contaminants were dumped into the river which flowed to Stevens Pond in Lawrence and over the years, efforts have been undertaken to clean it up.

The trail has some art installations along the way, and the remnants of old factory buildings and railroad equipment may be seen. There were some sections that had significant trash accumulated, but during this time of stay-at-home orders, organized clean ups are not possible.

Still and all, it was a very pleasant and easy place to access and walk. The trail does continue into Lawrence at Manchester Street Park, a residential area, but we started and ended our journey at the Railroad Avenue lot.

If you are looking for a change and somewhere different to walk, the Methuen Rail Trail might be a decent spot to investigate.

Methuen Rail Trail: Railroad Avenue, Methuen/Manchester Street Park, Lawrence/Hampshire Road, Salem, NH

By HEATHER BURNS  
New Correspondent

## NASA now offering virtual tours

The recent announcement of the federal government's National Defense Authorization Act has brought space travel back into the public limelight. This Act specifies plans to redesignate the Air Force Space Command to the U.S. Space Force, and establish it as an independent branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

For the past century, space exploration has been thought of as the new frontier, fostering both hope and excitement for the quest of space travel to planets and galaxies in the depths of outer space.

In the 1960s, JFK's vision to travel to the moon was embraced by the American people, and finally became a reality in July of 1969.

As hopeful Americans watched the historic first steps on the moon taken by astronaut Neil Armstrong, the national excitement of space travel was soon overshadowed by concerns over the tragedies of the Vietnam War.

The NASA program again grasped the attention of Americans in the 1980s with the start of the space shuttle program. But instead of celebrating,

the nation mourned over the tragic end to the space shuttle Challenger in 1986. When tragedy struck the space shuttle program again with the deadly explosion of the space shuttle Columbia in 2003, enthusiasm for the space program lost public favor.

Despite these tragic setbacks, the spirit of space travel adventure has stayed alive for many, mostly through the magic of Hollywood, but perhaps this new attention around the space program will interest Americans once again.

Although stay at home orders are still in place, you can still learn first hand about the new and exciting events happening in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

NASA is now offering free virtual tours of two of their research centers.

The Langley Research Center, located in Virginia, is making space mobility a reality with the development, testing, and advancement of new vehicles for the NASA program, focusing on the exploration of the Moon and Mars. This includes designing and testing

structures for long term, deep space missions.

Much of their work can also be applied to commercial flight, by testing and developing technology used by commercial airlines.

The Langley Center

test sites of the Langley Center, including Landing and Impact Research, Simulating Flight, Structure and Material Testing, and System Analysis, Concept, and Problem Solving.

To view all that the Langley Research



also conducts scientific research on the earth's atmosphere and climate, which results in improved global measurements of the earth's atmosphere.

Virtual tours are available for more than 20 different development and

search center has to offer, visit [www.oh.larc.nasa.gov](http://www.oh.larc.nasa.gov).

Another NASA center offering virtual tours is the Glenn Research Center, located in Ohio. This center houses the largest, unparalleled space simulation and spacecraft test

facility in the world.

The Glenn Research Center's main objective is to design, develop and advance innovative technology for the NASA space exploration program.

Like the Langley Center, the Glenn Center offers many virtual "360" tours, videos, photographs, and testing in action.

The virtual tours feature many aspects of the center such as the Supersonic Wind Tunnel, Electric Propulsion and Power Lab, Icing Research Tunnel, and the Space Environment Complex.

To view these and other Glenn Research Center test labs, visit [www.nasa.gov/centers/glennvirtual-tours](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/glennvirtual-tours).

Another great place to "visit" and learn about space crafts and the U.S. space program is the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. This museum has two locations, one in Washington D.C. and one in Virginia; however, both can be toured from the safety and comfort of your own home.

The Smithsonian offers a vast selection of virtual tours, videos, and interac-

tive activities and games on a wide variety of subject matters dealing with both military and commercial air flight as well as space exploration. Many of the virtual exhibits and activities can be selected for specific age groups for students from K-12 grade.

The Smithsonian also offers a podcast that addresses analysis of current NASA missions, reviews the latest space movies, and offers little known histories of specific artifacts.

To listen to podcasts, subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Radio Public, or Stitchers.

For more information on Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum virtual tours and exhibits, visit [www.airandspace.si.edu](http://www.airandspace.si.edu).

NASA recently announced that they would soon let private citizens visit the International Space Center, of course, for a hefty fee. Cost may prohibit most of the general public from ever attending the International Space Center, but in this age of the newly announced U.S. Space Force, why not "boldly go where no man has gone before" for free, with one of the many space center online tours.



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## Sign, sign, everywhere a sign

Wilmington High School grads, as well as graduates from other high schools, will have a different commencement experience this year. The Wilmington community, however, has decided to recognize this year's seniors with signs since these students are missing so many activities associated with their final year.

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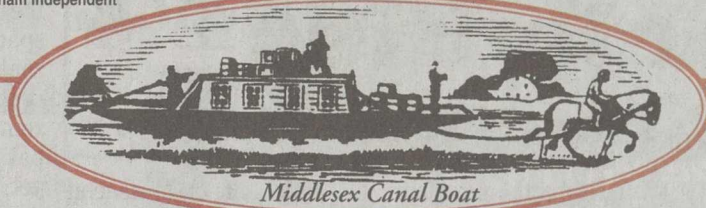
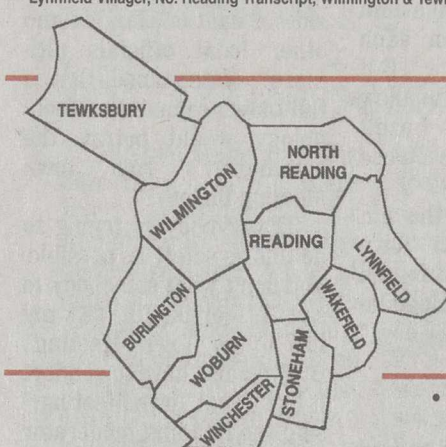
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## What does COVID-19 Town Meeting look like?

BY PAT BLAIS

Municipal leaders from a number of area communities say the COVID-19 crisis threatens one of New England's most cherished and time-honored institutions: Town Meeting assemblies.

Most communities across the state have already delayed the annual meetings at least once due to the pandemic. Meanwhile, area leaders are also slimming down meeting agendas by pushing off all but the most pressing business — such as passing a budget — until the summer or fall.

Should Town Meeting not be able to okay annual operating budgets by July 1, the town's executive Select Board or Town Council has been granted emergency powers to pass a 1/12th budget — in which impacted communities will be able to mirror monthly spending trends from the year prior.

"Burlington is in good shape in that we have suffi-

cient reserves to get through the fiscal year. So if we can't get to Town Meeting, it won't be the end of the world," said Burlington Town Moderator Bill Beyer. "But I do want to get that business done. It's important."

Considered by many as the nation's purest and most-direct form of governance, town meetings are held annually by hundreds of communities across the state, including every municipality but Woburn within The Middlesex East's coverage area.

Each spring, registered voters or elected town meeting representatives descend upon their respective Town Hall auditoriums or similar public gathering spaces to conduct some of their community's most-urgent legislative functions, including the approval of proposed annual operating budgets and other financial transactions.

Town Meeting assemblies are also charged with sanctioning new zoning regulations, appropriating funding

for capital repairs and public building projects, adopting new bylaws, and authorizing long-term leases of municipal assets.

Pre-dating the founding of the country, the regular gatherings — renowned throughout history for sometimes devolving into cantankerous and boisterous affairs — have been conducted across the New England region without a hitch since America's Colonial Era.

But with the coming of the COVID-19 crisis last winter, government officials for the first time in modern history found themselves unable to convene the gatherings.

"I'm not going to put anyone in harm's way, including myself, until Governor [Charles] Baker gives us a clear message [that it's safe to meet again in large groups]," explained Stoneham Town Moderator Jeanne Craigie, referring to an executive order issued in April that forbids public gatherings of more than 10 people.

"With extreme difficulty," subsequently quipped Beyer, when asked in a separate interview how his community is planning for the annual legislative session. "Our plans are hanging on whether it will be allowed. Right now, it's a gathering of 126 people. So I don't know if it's possible."

In recent weeks, a number of Massachusetts' moderators have been meeting regularly to consider how to handle required Town Meetings in a safe manner. Already, some communities, such as Lexington and Arlington, have come up with innovative solutions, such as potentially holding the large gatherings outdoors.

According to Reading Town Moderator Alan Foulds, who currently sits on the board of directors for the Mass. Moderators Association, he also pitched an outdoor setting for Town Meeting in his hometown. However, after facing questions about potential weather



and pest issues, Foulds and other Reading officials are now pushing for a hybrid meeting model that involves a physical meeting in Reading's High School and the use of a video-conferencing service like Zoom.

However, the challenges to that approach are two-fold.

First, explained Foulds, though legislative bodies like Town Meeting are technically exempt from the governor's large public gathering prohibitions, local officials like Craigie and Beyer are rightly concerned about ensuring the safety of citizens or representative assembly members.

To ensure the COVID-19 contagion isn't spread during

the future public gathering, Reading Superintendent John Doherty recently mapped out seating for each of Reading's 192 elected Town Meeting members, who reportedly should be able to sit at least 12-to-15 feet apart from one another.

However, in trying to resolve those potential public safety concerns by switching to alternative settings like "virtual" settings, local officials have realized that state law forbids remote voting.

"We've already delayed the meeting until June 15. We're considering a hybrid meeting. It would be through members."

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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Zoinks! 'Scoob!' is no tasty treat

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

Even before darker anxieties took hold, the bad guys of "Scooby-Doo" were charmingly quaint. An evil circus owner, a grumpy civil servant, a plotting first mate — these were the villains of "Scooby-Doo," all of them revealed with an unmasking flourish and the cursing of "you meddling kids."

But for anyone looking for the nostalgic and corny delights of the old 1970s cartoon in the new animated reboot "Scoob!" — well, and I'm sorry to resort to this, ruh roh. "Scoob!" is the kind of movie less predicated on original formulas than the contemporary dictates of the corporate franchise-making. Scooby-Doo has been amplified and digitized. Superheroes and current pop culture references have been ushered in, most of them from

other properties of the same studio (including even "Shallow" from "A Star Is Born"). Even a "cinematic universe" has been born. It's enough to make a critic sigh "zoinks."

"Scoob!" had been headed for theaters this spring but on Friday it was released for rental on digital platforms and on-demand. Following Universal's "Trolls World Tour," it's the second major studio movie diverted into the home by the pandemic — this time via Warner Bros.

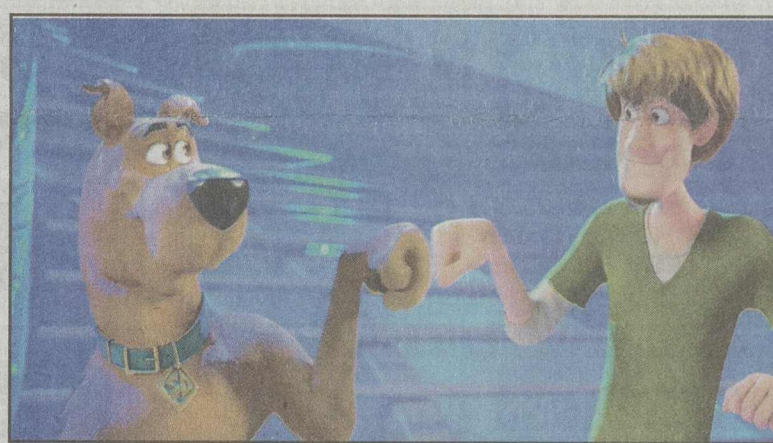
The smaller screen may be the more natural home of Scooby-Doo even though "Scoob!" aspires to be so much like other big-screen franchises. This latest film, following a pair of live-action movies in the aughts, has replaced the usual small-time mysteries of "Scooby-Doo" with the familiar world-jeopardizing dangers of comic-book movies. Even Scooby gets outfitted

in spandex.

It's a less discussed and tiresome effect of Marvel movies that so many kids films have adopted their rhythms and plot lines. The superhero takeover extends into so many realms of pop culture that wanly surrender, joining in lock step. Incorporating characters like Blue Falcon, Dick Dastardly, Captain Caveman and Dynomutt, "Scoob!" has also tried to grow an interconnected Hanna-Barbera universe, a gambit that only adds to the feeling of force-fed corporate synergy.

Hundreds of cases later, the movie catches up with Mystery Inc. gang, including Fred (Zac Efron), Daphne (Amanda Seyfried) and Velma (Gina Rodriguez). Setting things in motion is, of all people, Simon Cowell (voicing himself and appearing in weirdly accurate animated form), who professes friendship has no value. "Scoob!" will test the bond between Shaggy and Scooby.

If Greek antiquity isn't where you'd expect a "Scooby Doo" movie to go, you'll probably also be thrown by straining-to-be-hip gags



**RUH ROH!** - This image shows animated characters, Scooby-Doo, voiced by Frank Welker, left, and Shaggy Rogers, voiced by Will Forte, in a scene from "Scoob!" (Warner Bros. Pictures via AP)

about the Hemsworth brothers and Scooby Snacks while wondering, stealing Netflix passwords. Right "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you?"

"Scoob!" a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for some action, language and rude/suggestive humor. Running time: 94 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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• MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA: ESPN's "The Last Dance" drew high ratings for its recent 10-part series. The Utah Jazz lost twice (1997, '98) to the Chicago Bulls in the finals. Can you name the four other NBA teams to lose to the Bulls?

Answer appears below:

Reading's Merullo involved with the Michigan Athletics Career Center

Reading's JOE MERULLO, a 2014 RMHS grad, has been actively working in various athletic administration roles since his graduation from Iowa State in 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations and a minor in Speech Communication. He is currently working towards his Master's degree in Sports Leadership through Endicott College.

Merullo joined the MACC and Leadership Development staff in August of 2019 as Operations and Logistics Assistant. He handles the day-to-day operations of the MACC, and is responsible for overseeing all data collection and assessment, daily monitoring of the Handshake platform, and management of both the MACC Director and Assistant Directors' schedule. He is the liaison between the MACC and the Academic Success Program, assisting academic advisors in identifying student-athletes who would like to take the first step in utilizing our resources.

Prior to arriving in Ann Arbor, Merullo held roles at Boston University as Athletics Development Coordinator, and at the University of Rhode Island as Director of

# Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

Football Operations. He realized his passion for assisting Student-Athletes while as an undergraduate student-assistant in the athletic department at Iowa State.

"I got my career rolling in college athletics at Iowa State completing undergraduate assistantships in Athletic Communications and Football Player Development," said Merullo. "I credit my time in Ames as being vital to me finding a career path in sports, very grateful for the professional experiences I was able to get there even if they were small ones."

Eventually Merullo hopes his career path may lead to being an Athletic Director at a New England college.

Woburn native and head men's lacrosse coach at Cal Poly suffers similar pandemic fate

Woburn's BOBBY DABRIO, the head men's lacrosse coach at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, also saw his team's 2020 spring season cut short due to the pandemic.

The 2020 season was Dabrio's fifth season as Cal Poly's head men's lacrosse coach.

In his first four seasons as head coach, the Mustangs overall record is 49-19, reaching the national tournament three out of his four seasons. The Mustangs have had 22

All-Americans the past four seasons, winning two West Coast Lacrosse League championships. In 2016, the Mustangs went 17-2, appearing in the National Championship game, earning Dabrio WCLL Coach of the Year.

Dabrio has a long history of success in both the playing and coaching ranks. Dabrio served as an assistant coach for the Reading High boys lacrosse team that won Middlesex League titles during each season that Dabrio was on the staff.

In 2015, Dabrio joined the staff at Daniel Webster College in Nashua as the Offensive Coordinator and guided the Eagles' offense to a 12 goals per game average, doubling their output from the previous season. Dabrio has also been the head coach for the East Coast Rockets, a powerful Massachusetts high school club team.

Playing conditions calculation with World Handicap System

With golf in Massachusetts returning, those who have handicaps are now governed by the World Handicap System that took affect in January.

The USGA and The R&A have collaborated with the six existing world handicapping authorities to create a single set of Rules for Handicapping. The new World Handicap System will enable golfers of different abilities to play and compete on a fair and equal basis, no matter how or where they play.

One of the more interesting new provisions is the Playing Conditions Calculation.

Course ratings are based on normal playing conditions, but the difficulty of a golf course can vary substantially from day to day due to course conditions, weather conditions and/or course set-up.

The playing conditions calculation (PCC) determines whether playing conditions on the day differed from normal conditions to the extent that an adjustment is needed to compensate. It compares scores submitted by players on the day against expected scoring patterns. If the PCC determines that acceptable scores are in line with expected scoring patterns, then no adjustment is made.

Answer to this week's question: Los Angeles Lakers (1991), Portland Trail Blazers (1992), Phoenix Suns (1993) and the Seattle SuperSonics (1996) were the other four NBA teams to lose in the finals to the Chicago Bulls.

## Meeting

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Zoom, but also by having the high-school gymnasium spaced out between each seat," said Foulds. "[But proposed legislation to allow remote voting] hasn't passed in the state House yet, so we can't do it."

"It's still up in the air, and I'm sure Open Town meeting is the last thing on the governor's and legislature's plates right now," later said Craigie.

### A balancing act

According to Craigie and Beyer, both relatively new to their moderator positions, they have like many other community officials mulled the possibility of holding a remote or internet-based meeting.

However, both town moderators are extremely wary of that approach, because the format could potentially disenfranchise those without access to a computer or the technological know-how to handle the required meeting software.

"How can you do that?" Craigie asked rhetorically. "You could end up denying someone their rights if they don't have a computer."

Given Town Meeting's almost sacred reputation as the country's purest form of democracy, Foulds admitted he too struggled with the concept of switching to a virtual format. In fact, the veteran Reading official was so concerned about the issue that he asked a local historian to look at records from the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic to see how the community handled Town Meeting.

The end result of that research didn't provide the guidance he sought. Specifically, though like today state officials responded to the Spanish Flu outbreak by cancelling schools and ordering churches to halt serv-

ices, by the time Reading's Annual Town Meeting was held, those emergency orders had been lifted.

Ultimately erring on the side of caution, Foulds and other local officials ultimately determined that a full-blown reliance on technology would betray the community's rich Town Meeting history.

"Everybody is trying to do this as safely as possible. You don't want somebody to say, 'I [feel like I'll] risk my life to go to Town Meeting'. But you also have to conduct it like a real Town Meeting," said the Reading moderator of that balancing act.

In Burlington, Beyer and town officials are now similarly exploring a modified hybrid meeting option, where Town Meeting members will meet in a physical location, but be spaced a safe distance away from one another. A second component would potentially involve the use of a video-conferencing service for those at Burlington's High School, but that remote setting would be utilized solely by those presenting each Town Meeting initiative to be debated.

"It's the most difficult time putting together a Town Meeting that we've ever had. It's really unprecedented," said the Burlington moderator. "But it looks like we can fit every Town Meeting member [into the public space] with at least six-feet of spacing between them."

According to Craigie, Stoneham also believes it has enough room within the community's high school gymnasium to space Town Meeting participants a safe distance apart. She is also considering the use of special disposable microphone caps, which would be handed out to ensure individuals can address the assembly without contaminating the equipment for future speakers.

However, unlike Burlington and Reading, which have representative assembly formats, Stoneham's Open Town Meeting — which allows all of the town's 22,000 registered voters to participate in the assembly — poses unique planning challenges.

"What we've been talking about with the Select Board and town administrator is using the high school with social distancing in the bleachers. We would use all three entrances by dividing them by precincts and our [staff checking in registered voters] would be non-compromised people," Craigie explained. "We've even talked about municipal boards sending just one representative, so there's more space for everyday voters."

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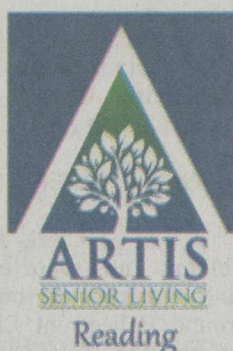
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Dr. Forester is the Medical Director for Behavioral Health Integration at Partners Healthcare; Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School; and Co-President of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry.

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## GRILLED CORN WITH PARMESAN-HERB BUTTER

### STEPS

1. Heat gas or charcoal grill. In small bowl, mix butter, cheese, dill and pepper with fork; set aside.
2. Fill large saucepot with water; heat to boiling. Submerge corn in water; cook 3 to 4 minutes.
3. Remove corn from boiling water; cool slightly. Drizzle each ear of corn with oil; rub over corn.
4. Place corn on grill over medium heat. Cover grill; cook, turning occasionally, until all sides of corn are browned. Remove from grill; immediately top corn with butter mixture.

Once butter has melted slightly, serve.

### EXPERT TIPS

It's possible to cook the corn entirely on the grill, but boiling it for several minutes before its grilled gives the corn a tender texture, with the added flavor of flame-cooked goodness.

Don't husk your corn until you are ready to prepare it. For the freshest ear of corn, leave it wrapped in its husk until minutes before you're ready to serve it. It makes a mess, but tastes totally delicious!

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese (2 oz)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
- Fresh ground pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 ears fresh sweet corn, husks removed, cleaned

## • Real Estate Transfers •

### BURLINGTON

4 Cheryl Ave was sold to 4 Cheryl Avenue LLC by Price, Daniel W and Price, John G for \$450,000 on 05/01/20

184 Fox Hill Rd was sold to Nhu-Ny, Nguyen and Alekseyevich-Gorbunov, K by Dinitto, Cosmo for \$527,000 on 05/04/20

14 Morrison Rd was sold to Te, Timothy F and Xu, Mofei by Mcneil, Michael J for \$690,000 on 04/29/20

5 Putnam Rd was sold to Mccaffrey, Christopher J by Huizenga, Christian J and Huizenga, Jessica L for \$640,000 on 05/04/20

### NORTH READING

50 Burroughs Rd was sold to Twombly, Wayne and Johnson, Kathryn J by Grammas, Alexander G for \$290,000 on 05/05/20

220 Martins Lndg #5304 was sold to James & Kathleen Gagnon FT and Gagnon, James F by Pulte Homes Of New Eng for \$351,995 on 05/01/20

220 Martins Lndg #5406 was sold to Nickerson, Gary M and Nickerson, Susan C by Pulte Homes Of New Eng for \$463,995 on 05/01/20

### READING

57 Augustus Ct #4004 was sold to Taliaferro, Valentina by Duren, Jacqueline M for \$400,000 on 04/30/20

15 Gardner Rd was sold to Milinazzo, Andrew J and Milinazzo, Veronica F by 15 Gardner Road RT and Burns, John T for \$590,000 on 04/29/20

69 Green St was sold to Richards, Michael F and Richards, Judith A by Zajac, Stephen J for \$630,000 on 04/29/20

25 Haven St was sold to 25 Haven Street LLC by BRE 25 Haven LLC for \$2,225,000 on 05/01/20

267 Haverhill St was sold to Virgin, Kyle and Virgin, Elizabeth by Prevett, Joan E for \$590,000 on 05/01/20

24 Lawrence Rd was sold to Okay, Jale by Ditullio, Julianne and Ditullio, William A for \$638,000 on 04/30/20

### STONEHAM

109 Central St was sold to Stoneham Animal Clinic by Central Street RT and Hutchins, Howard R for \$625,000 on 05/01/20

22 Cherry Ave was sold to Martin, Salina and Angelo, Ryan by Cox, Steven E and Cox, Karen M for \$550,000 on 04/30/20

95 Maple St was sold to 5 Maple St Stoneham Prop by 95 Maple Street LP for \$12,850,000 on 04/29/20

154 Spring St was sold to Balboni-Weaver, Daniel and Balboni-Weaver, Alana by Muldowney, Sally A for \$669,000 on 04/30/20

23 Summerhill St was sold to Weber, Philip M and Lowenthal-Weber, J by Bilbro, Lucas and Sacks, Jennifer for \$688,500 on 04/29/20

### TEWKSBURY

100 Aprils Way was sold to Balter, Daren M by Dunn FT 2015 and Dunn, Joseph R for \$734,000 on 04/30/20

60 Aprils Way was sold to Campers, Joseph L and Goncalves, Cassandra C by

Balter, Daren M and Balter, Elizabeth for \$630,000 on 04/29/20

57 Emerald Ct #57 was sold to Arana, Jorge and Arana, Dina by Wynn John W Est and Wyman, Miriam M for \$499,900 on 04/29/20

71 Evergreen Rd was sold to Campanelli, Christopher D and Duggan, Christina A by Hibner, Diana L for \$620,000 on 05/01/20

31 Hampton Cir #31 was sold to Cicolini, Joseph and Cicolini, Valerie by Prew, Joseph M and Prew, Susan M for \$585,000 on 04/30/20

46 James Ave was sold to Walke, Alan by Gualtieri, Michael C and Gualtieri, Azad S for \$492,000 on 04/30/20

583 Kendall Rd was sold to Christy, Mark R and Christy, Jennifer M by Riverdale Construction for \$575,000 on 05/04/20

### WAKEFIELD

7 Bartley St #7 was sold to Finn, Lauren and Finn, Ryan by JDR Realty Investments for \$685,000 on 04/29/20

46 Crescent St was sold to 46 Crescent Street RT and Boccelli, Joseph by Pepe Vienna A Est and Ditonno, Janet for \$625,000 on 05/01/20

19 Crosby Rd was sold to Lanneville, Daniel P and Lanneville, Sharon B by Brosnan, Matthew and Brosnan, Lea for \$507,250 on 05/04/20

3 Elm Sq was sold to Reilly, Christopher F and Reilly, Jessica by Mcnall, Thomas F and Kiss, Janice M for \$460,000 on 04/30/20

15 Lafayette St #B was sold to Cerrato, Christina N by Elena Fontana RET 2 and Fontana, Elena for \$265,100 on 05/01/20

37 Madison Ave #1 was sold to Epstein, Rory T and Lynch, Timothy B by Arria, Eric and Ahearn, Michael for \$645,000 on 05/01/20

### WILMINGTON

4 Bradford Rd was sold to Raye, Megan and Raye, Ronald by Ducharme, Christopher and Ducharme, Heather for \$705,000 on 04/30/20

19 Brattle St was sold to Giroux, Patrick J by Iocco, Vincent P for \$470,000 on 04/30/20

335 Chestnut St was sold to Simon, Caroline J and Cheah, Yee L by C&M Development LLC for \$879,900 on 04/30/20

15 Congress St was sold to Mcfeeley, Sean M and Mcfeeley, Amanda J by Salvaggio, Philip T and Salvaggio, Karen A for \$632,000 on 05/04/20

### WINCHESTER

274 Cross St was sold to Che, Tongda by Remington FT 2006 and Fitch-Remington, James for \$748,000 on 05/01/20

15 Dix St #9 was sold to Cygnets Reserve LLC and Fontana, Linda M for \$1,040,000 on 04/29/20

22 Fletcher St #22 was sold to Dupee, Andrew by Lagier-Toirene, C D and Chadel, Jerome O for \$1,025,000 on 04/29/20

172 High St was sold to RVJ RT and Ašaro, Frank J by Alberts, Mary L and Alberts, John J for \$805,000 on 04/30/20

### WOBURN

2 Albert Dr #2 was sold to Chen, David by Mariano, Nadia M for \$310,000 on 04/30/20

10 Cedar St #19 was sold to Romero, Janneth by Joanne E Clark RET and Clark, Joanne E for \$202,500 on 05/01/20

15 Charles St was sold to Gyrp, Patrick J by Smith, Robert E and Smith, Jane A for \$509,000 on 04/30/20

1 Earl Stokes Cir #2 was sold to Hsieh, David by Ehrlinger FT and Ehrlinger, John M for \$430,000 on

05/05/20

76 Fletcher Rd was sold to Ferrullo, Brendon and Condon, Jolie by Raye, Ronald J Raye, Megan for \$500,000 on 04/29/20

42 Lillian St was sold to Lewis, Brett B and Lewis, Megan E by Christy, Mark R and Christy, Jennifer M for \$485,000 on 05/05/20

8 Mikaila Way was sold to Don Q Real Estate Dev LLC by Chai, Ze J for \$418,200 on 05/01/20

6 Otis St was sold to Calla, Robert W and Chiricosta, Laura E by Salemi, Joseph J and Salemi, Nancy R for \$620,000 on 04/30/20

109 Pine St #109 was sold to Mukhatyar, Vivek and Gupta, Geetika by Sung, David and Sung, Christina for \$730,000 on 04/30/20

433 Place Ln #433 was sold to Babcock, Joann M and Babcock, William R by Mantzouranis, Athina and Stavropoulos, Dimitrios for \$455,000 on 05/05/20

5 Seneca Rd was sold to Oliver, Wade and Oliver, Haley by Orlich, Christopher D and Orlich, Kristin for \$550,000 on 05/04/20

### LYNNFIELD

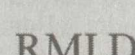
514 Lowell St was sold to Belok, Charlotte C and Sawyer, Matthew by Fiske, Frank and Fiske, James for \$754,000 on 05/01/20

4 Mirabeau Ln was sold to Kelly, Christopher J and Kelly, Samantha A by Ryan, Sheila A for \$605,000 on 05/05/20

12 Priscilla Rd was sold to Gaudet, Arianna S and Gaudet, Stephen J by Holden-Round, Mark for \$599,300 on 04/30/20

527 Salem St #38 was sold to Bailey, Katherine A by Roland & Donna Gillis LT and Gillis, Donna M for \$1,170,000 on 05/01/20

Summer St #19 was sold to 211 Summer Street LLC by Mastal Development LLC for \$150,000 on 05/05/20



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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL (IFP)

IFP 2020-16

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Proposals will be opened at **12:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 4, 2020** and, due to the RMLD Office being closed to the public in light of the Covid-19 restrictions, read aloud while being recorded. The Proposal results will be immediately published on the RMLD Website and sent to Proposers.

Specifications and proposal information and forms may be obtained via email request to [poleary@rmld.com](mailto:poleary@rmld.com). For questions or further information, please contact Paula O'Leary at 781-942-6440.

Each Proposal must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the RMLD for a sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). In lieu of a check, a bid/proposal bond may be submitted in an amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). The bid/proposal bond must be from a corporate surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, conditioned that the proposer will pay the RMLD, as liquidated damages, the amount specified in the bond unless the proposer enters into a contract in accordance with the proposal. If the proposer fails to enter into the contract or furnish any required bonds, insurance documents, or other required documents within ten (10) days from the date on which the proposer is notified that the proposal has been accepted, the amount of the check or bid/proposal bond shall be forfeited to the RMLD.

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## Tewksbury Police Log

### Male party busted for trafficking in fentanyl

Monday, May 11

11:36 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious motor vehicle driving around the neighborhood at Crawford Drive. Police sent. It is a private investigator and he came to follow party from Wakefield.

1:11 p.m. - An employee at the Holiday Inn would like to see an officer in reference to her child's toy being stolen. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

1:43 p.m. - Sometime during the night someone tried to cut the locks off behind the back of a building at Woburn St. Auto Service. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

10:26 p.m. - Employee at Mobil Stadium Plaza reported a possibly homeless male had been loitering in their store for the past five hours. Police sent. The party left without incident prior to their arrival.

Tuesday, May 12

7:03 a.m. - The caller got into an argument with a person who was blocking her mailbox and driveway at Bradford Road. Police sent and spoke to the party.

10:55 a.m. - At Hood Road, a 911 caller reported his wife called him to inform him there was a male on the property taking landscape stakes from their back yard. Police sent, but there was no vehicle in the driveway and no one was in the area.

11:31 a.m. - A truck in the middle of the street at Whipple Road. Police sent and spoke with the female; she had a flat tire, assistance enroute.

4:51 p.m. - Police responded to a Home Depot parking lot. Dominique Rodriguez, 19, of 34 Varum St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property

worth less than \$1,200.

Wednesday, May 13

9:40 a.m. - Officer was flagged down by citizen that there was someone at the old Discount Madness property trying to cut the lock with a bolt cutter at Main Street. Police sent. The site CEO stated they were OK to be there. They were the company working at the site.

10:11 p.m. - Male caller reported two males in a dark blue sedan sitting in front of the Ames Hill Drive beeping their horns when the caller spoke with them they continued beeping. Police sent. They spoke to the parties. They were going in for the night.

11:03 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party with no shirt on roamed around Circle K. Police sent. They requested the ambulance for a wellness check on the make party.

The ambulance transported the party to Saints Hospital with Officer on-board. Filed a report.

Thursday, May 14

8:02 a.m. - Clerk from Holiday Inn reported a male out front sat on the ground. Police sent. Christopher Olds, 35, of 72 Justice Hill Road in Sterling, was arrested and charged with trafficking in more than 10 grams fentanyl, possession to distribute class B drugs, carrying a switchblade dangerous weapon, and possession class E drugs.

3:38 p.m. - A vehicle parked awkwardly at Verizon Phone Store. Police sent. The vehicle belongs to an employee.

5:48 p.m. - Two suspicious males at Trull Road and Andover Street. Police sent. Officer cleared, gone on arrival.

11:04 p.m. - A suspicious

vehicle was at East Street. Police sent. Officer spoke with the party.

drug possession class B drugs.

Friday, May 15

9:46 a.m. - The front door to the caller's business was smashed overnight at Blue Wave. He had video of a woman smashing the door with a rock and trying to pry the door open. Police sent and filed a report.

5:14 p.m. - A blue crown victorian with a light bar pulled up behind the caller on Main Street without any lights activated. She thought she was being pulled over and drove away and pulled into the 99 Restaurant and Pub. The caller did not get a license plate. Police sent to the area but gone on arrival.

11 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party stumbled outside of his vehicle with the driver's side door open at Circle K. Police sent. Aaron Gribbin, 26, of 170 Amherst St. in Manchester, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with trafficking in more than 10 grams fentanyl, two counts of possession class E drugs, and a warrant for default for

Saturday, May 16

9:02 a.m. - There was a traffic backed up due to a resident giving out face masks at Glen Avenue. Police sent. No traffic was shown. Wilmington's Town Hall was giving out face masks which caused the backup.

10:38 a.m. - Caller stated a suspicious vehicle in the area of Pakland Avenue. Police sent and spoke with the operator; he was a private investigator working on his target. Police cleared.

11:31 p.m. - A suspicious blue sedan parked in the lot at Villa Roma Pizza. Police checked the area. The party in question was gone on arrival.

Sunday, May 17

5:26 p.m. - Caller reported kids were on top of the announcer's box at Ryan School football field. Police sent. He checked the area and the kids were gone on arrival.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Several brush and mulch fires cleared

Friday, May 8:

2:36 a.m.: Police removed a deceased deer from I-93, dragging it into the breakdown lane. Mass Highway was notified.

1:28 p.m.: The Fire Department responded to a small mulch fire on Ballardvale Street. The fire was extinguished by a state trooper before the Fire Department arrived. The mulch was wetted to prevent another incident.

Saturday, May 9:

2:34 p.m.: Police traced an odor of propane on Shawsheen Avenue to an open tank in a Ram 2500. The owner of the vehicle was found, and the tank was closed and removed.

5:05 p.m.: Police moved a tree out of the road on

Wildwood Street to allow traffic to pass. The tree was later fully removed by the Department of Public Works.

Sunday, May 10:

8:54 a.m.: The Fire Department extinguished a brush fire next to the Concord Street overpass.

2:57 p.m.: Police reset the Yentile Farms barricades on Cross Street.

3:18 p.m.: The Fire Department extinguished a mulch fire at GameStop on Main Street.

7:35 p.m.: An ambulance was called after a vehicle hit a deer on Ramp 38. The driver refused medical attention.

Monday, May 11:

7:45 p.m.: A Fire Department medical vehicle transported a patient after a Honda Civic crashed in a high speed lane on I-93.

Tuesday, May 12:

12:03 p.m.: A Hillcrest Street resident reported a tree falling across the road and taking down wires. The Department of Public Works removed the tree and Reading Light was notified. Initially, it was unclear as to why power was down in the area as no power lines were down, but a branch was found on a wire on Burt Road, and power was restored to the area.

1:14 p.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with a brush fire on the side of the road on I-93.

1:19 p.m.: The Water Department assisted a Blackstone Street resident who reported that the valve on his hose would not close.

2:45 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda CR-V, a Subaru Forester, and a Volkswagen Jetta occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and High Street.

3:36 p.m.: An unlicensed, uninsured motorcyclist crashed an unregistered Suzuki motorcycle with a false license plate at AJ's Kitchen on Lowell Street.

Wednesday, May 13:

1:06 p.m.: An officer spoke with three high school students playing soccer on Yentile field and sent them on their way.

5:32 p.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with a mulch fire by TJ Maxx on Main Street.

Thursday, May 14:

8:11 a.m.: A Chapman Avenue resident was summonsed for assault and battery and malicious destruction of property worth over \$1,200.

3:57 p.m.: The Fire Department extinguished a shed that caught fire on McDonald Road.

9:57 p.m.: Police disbanded a gathering of nine vehicles in the Market Basket parking lot as they were no longer allowed to gather there.

### 13 students graduate from UNH

DURHAM, NH — The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham Saturday, May 16, 2020, during a virtual celebration. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

WILMINGTON

- Alex Hiltz graduated with a BS degree in Bus Adm:Marketing.
- Jack Stanford graduated with a BS degree in Biology.
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- Ryan Williams graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BSPHYS degree in Physics.

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- Alexandra Kelly graduated Cum Laude with a BS degree in Occupational Therapy.
- Andrea MacDonald graduated with a DNP degree in Nursing.
- Carina Berglund graduated with a MS degree in Nutritional Sciences.
- Michael Slagle graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in Community&Environ Planning.
- Brett Morris graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Management.
- Mikayla Ruocchio graduated with a BS degree in Health Management & Policy.
- Domenic Raneri graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Finance.
- Dylan McAteer graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Finance.
- Samantha Parker graduated with a BS degree in Environ Conservation &Sustain.

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## MRT Young Company goes virtual

LOWELL — Merrimack Repertory Theatre's professional training program for high school students, the MRT Young Company, goes virtual this year with classes online from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for three weeks, July 13-31. Renowned Chicago educator, director, and actor Robert Cornelius returns to lead the intensive.

The rate is \$450 per person for the full course. Past Young Company participants may register for only \$350. To register, visit [www.mrt.org/youngcompany](http://www.mrt.org/youngcompany) or call the Box Office at 978-654-4678. The program requires a laptop or tablet and internet access; if needed, MRT will provide technology support for any student.

Courtney Sale, MRT's Nancy L. Donahue Artistic Director, said, "We are excited this year to move Young Company online! The 2020 YoCo Virtual Summer Program for high school students will be focused on telling stories through monologues from published plays and original works the students create themselves."

Each day will be organized around three blocks of time: a morning session for warm-ups, ensemble building, and monologue coaching with the entire group; an early afternoon session for playwriting, with break-out sessions for writing and collaboration; and a later afternoon session for presentations, content development, and discussion with the full group. There will be time between these blocks for breaks and meals.

The MRT Young Company program offers a unique opportunity for teens (entering grades 9-12) to write and perform their own stories. Students will work with professional theatre artists from around the country, develop their own voices with playwriting, and learn about acting, auditioning, performing improv, musical theatre, and more.

Young Company continues to meet during the MRT season, offering a window into the fascinating work of professional theatre artists. Opportunities include rehearsal and tech observation, workshop attendance, and master classes and artist talks.

A pillar of the Chicago theatre community for more than 30 years, Robert Cornelius served 11 years as the Arts Education Director at the Tony Award-winning Victory Gardens Theater. Like the MRT Young Company, the program he created there combined elements of both performance and writing.

Students learned how to access their emotions through first-person stories, slam poetry, and the texts of established playwrights. During his tenure, Cornelius and his staff of teaching artists worked with more than 10,000 students at 37 different high schools, developed long-term partnerships with teachers and students, and earned the Illinois Theatre Association's annual award for Outstanding Children's Program.

Today he serves as a teaching artist for the same Victory Gardens program while pursuing his career as an actor for the first time in many years. Recent credits include Lottery Day at the internationally acclaimed Goodman Theatre and last season's The Total Bent with Haven Theatre, in association with About Face Theatre, for which he was nominated for the prestigious 2019 Jefferson Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Lead Performance.

Lowell actor and director Kaitlyn Crockett (Macbeth and The Crucible this season) will serve as Young Company program assistant.

The MRT Young Company is supported in part by a grants from Ramsey McCluskey Family Foundation, United Way of Merrimack Valley, and Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation.

## Police arrest Lowell man on weapons, drug charges

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Police arrested Somkith Thongsouvanh, 32, after he allegedly waved a knife and acted erratically at iStorage, located at 470 Main St.

According to police, they received a call that Thongsouvanh, a Lowell resident, had a knife in his hand. He reportedly came within 10 feet of one of the officers and "made a punching motion toward him" with the weapon.

Police de-escalated the situation and arrested the suspect, charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a Class B sub-



stance (methamphetamine) and disorderly conduct.

He was also charged as a fugitive from justice out of Manchester, NH for a report of criminal threatening.

Thongsouvanh was set to be arraigned via teleconference on Monday.

### LEGAL NOTICES ARCHIVE

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[www.homenewshere.com](http://www.homenewshere.com) or [masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx](http://masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx)

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

#### PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO A SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT  
SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT  
COMMUNITY VILLAGE  
OVERLAY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 8, 2020 at 7:20 P.M.** on an application filed by **Marc Ginsburg on behalf of Tewksbury Country Club** for a Modification to a Site Plan Special Permit (SPSP 97-5) & Site Plan Special Permit Community Village Overlay District to construct a 2,044 SF addition to the existing pro-shop and changes to existing parking area as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at **1880 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 85, Lot 45-UB03, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson, Chair  
200475 5/20,27/20

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Lease of Municipal Real Estate for Wireless Communications Facilities

The Town of Tewksbury (the "Town") owns and operates an elevated water storage tank (the "Tank") located at 30 Watertower Road, Tewksbury, MA, Map 22, Parcel 1 (the "Site"). The Tank currently hosts wireless communications equipment owned and operated by four wireless communications companies licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC"), namely AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon (collectively, the "Carriers"), as well as equipment owned and used by the Tewksbury Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Departments (the "Departments").

The Town seeks to lease space on the Tank and the Site to FCC licensed wireless carrier companies and issues this Request for Proposals (the "RFP"). Any entity seeking to submit a response must be licensed by the FCC to provide wireless communications services and must submit a copy of their FCC licenses for this area of Massachusetts. As part of this RFP, the Town has proposed an antenna installation design to maximize revenues and allow for improved use and access to the Tank for the Town.

An RFP Package may be obtained by contacting Steve Sadwick, Assistant Town Manager, at [ssadwick@tewksbury-ma.gov](mailto:ssadwick@tewksbury-ma.gov) or 978-640-4300. The package will be either emailed or mailed out to individuals seeking to submit a response. Proposals must be submitted by July 20, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA to amend the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Regulations to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit.

A copy of the draft Regulations is posted on the Department of Planning & Conservation webpage.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed Regulations, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
200472 5/13,20/20

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Board of Selectmen in the Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020 on the application of Douglas Reymore, Preconstruction Planner, Jewett Construction Co., on behalf of BIV - 613 Main, LLC, to Remove Earth Products on land situated at 613 Main Street, Wilmington, MA, and further described as Parcel 11S, on Assessors' Map 29 and shown on a plan on file with the application for said permit.

Gregory B. Bendel, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
200470 5/13,20/20

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
SEWER PUMP STATION  
EMERGENCY BACKUP  
GENERATORS  
CONTRACT PW-18-03

#### SECTION 00 11 13 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Sewer Pump Station Emergency Backup Generators project for the Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Contract No. PW-18-03, will be received at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Office located at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday May 28, 2020.

The Scope of Work for this project involves the purchase and installation of Emergency Backup Generators including concrete foundation pads, natural gas service extensions, Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS), noise attenuating enclosures and appearance electrical components, erosion controls, driveways, related site work, and all else detailed in these plans and specifications for nine (9) sewer pumping stations in the Town of Tewksbury.

A pre-bid digital conference open remotely to the bidders will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Notification of meeting specifics will be via message from Project Dog to all registered prospective

bidders, when available. Questions may be submitted in writing to [dcoughlin@ces-ma.com](mailto:dcoughlin@ces-ma.com) c/o Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC located at 62 Montvale Ave., Suite H, Stoneham, MA 02180 until 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 21, 2020 and responses will be distributed by the DPW by close of business on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

**\*\* Due to restrictions on gathering and the ongoing impediments caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Town of Tewksbury has decided to offer remote viewing of the bid opening and outside drop-off of the bid packages. See below for instructions:**

#### Bid Drop Off

The bids are due at 2:00 PM on May 28, 2020 at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876. Each bidder must drop of the bid documents in a designated box outside of the front door and immediately call 978-640-4440 to confirm drop off. Bids may be dropped off between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday up until the bid deadline.

#### Bid Opening Live Viewing

The bid opening will be broadcast live via the internet for viewing at 2:30 PM on May 28, 2020. The web address for viewing is [www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV](http://www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV). The bid results will be posted to [projectdog.com](http://projectdog.com) by the close of business on Friday May 29, 2020.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a bid bond or in the form of a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check, or cash in the amount of

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **May 28, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** on an application filed by **Francesca Land, LLC**, for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B for rear yard setback, and a special permit under Section 3651, to increase an existing non-confirming structure, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a 6,950 SF addition to the existing concrete block garage as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at **913 East Street** Assessor's Map 102, Lot 52 zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Dugan, Chairman  
200474 5/13,20/20

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Cellular/Wireless Telecommunication Installation Site Lease

The Town of Wilmington, through the Office of the Town Manager, is seeking written proposals for the leasing of a site for cellular/wireless communication facility in the Town.

Requests for Proposals are available at the Town's website: <https://wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department> or by emailing [wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov).

Sealed proposals must be received by **10:00 am on Friday, June 5, 2020** at the Town Manager's Office.

Any proposal may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time. No proposal will be accepted after the time and date specified.

The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services, delays related to processing of mail or any reason whatsoever.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

Jeffrey M. Hull,  
Town Manager  
200469 5/13,20/20

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TEWKSBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The Tewksbury Historical Commission has received an application to demolish the premises in Tewksbury at:

**135 Pleasant Street - Bleachers and small structures only**

The Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 5:00 PM to determine whether the structures are "preferably preserved" within the meaning of Tewksbury's "Demolition of Historic Buildings" By-Law, and to take other action as provided by that By-Law.

Due to the recent Open Meeting Law policy set forth by the Governor during the current State of Emergency the meeting will be held as a virtual meeting. To participate, call (978) 771-0819 and view live on either Comcast Channel 99, Verizon Channel 33, or [YouTube.com/TewksburyTV](http://YouTube.com/TewksburyTV).

For additional information, contact Bill Wyatt, 18 Magna Vista Circle, Tewksbury, (978) 846-2520, or via email at [Williamwyatt18@comcast.net](mailto:Williamwyatt18@comcast.net).  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

#### MIDDLESEX DIVISION

#### INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P1902EA

Estate of:  
**PATRICIA A. JOHNSON**  
Also Known As:  
**PATRICIA ANN JOHNSON**  
Date of Death:  
**February 28, 2020**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **KIMBERLY ANN GRIMES OF DRACUT MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**KIMBERLY ANN GRIMES OF DRACUT MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

Contract completion date for the project shall be no later than November 13, 2020 or 150 calendar days following the effective date of the Agreement whichever is earliest. Liquidated Damages will be assigned after this date, as permitted by law and defined in the Contract Documents

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of 45 calendar days after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Information for Bidders.

The bidding and award of the Contract shall be in full compliance with Sections 39M inclusive of Chapter 30 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as last revised.

Successful bidder shall certify that all employees to be employed at the worksite will have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration at the time the employee begins work and who shall furnish documentation of successful completion of said course with the first certified payroll report for each employee.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it is in the public interest to do so.

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MA  
Richard Montuori  
Town Manager  
200471 5/13,20/20

#### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals (RFP) will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, Massachusetts, until Friday, June 5, 2020, at 11AM. To establish a contract for advanced life support (ALS) ambulance service in the Town of Wilmington. The ALS service will supplement the Town's Basic Life Support (BLS) and transport service for pre-hospital emergency care provided by Wilmington Fire Department (WFD).

Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/>

[purchasing-department](mailto:wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov) or by emailing [wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov). A hard copy may be obtained upon written request to the Town Manager's Office, Attn: Wendy Martiniello, and receipt of payment of a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 in the form of a certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check, payable to the Town of Wilmington. Proposals may not be submitted via email.

The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services, delays related to processing of mail requests for specs and plans etc. or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered.

Questions concerning this Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing and emailed to [wcavanaugh@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:wcavanaugh@wilmingtonma.gov).

Jeffrey M. Hull,  
Town Manager  
200501 5/20/20



Last week's School Committee Meeting

## Local resident feels spring coaches should get paid in full

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

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At last Wednesday's Wilmington School Committee, local resident Kathleen Black Reynolds asked committee members and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brand whether or not the high school spring athletic coaches will be paid their full salaries, despite the seasons being cancelled due to the pandemic.

"I've been an adult coach of youth sports my entire adult life, all voluntary, and as I emailed each of you last week, I am perplexed as to why the stipends are being withheld from our current coaches, all of the coaches," she asked. "The monies are budgeted for all in advance, not to mention that Wilmington has \$24 million in what we call free cash."

"I think Wilmington should be a leader in this regard, rather than waiting to see what other communities do and following those leads. I think Wilmington should step up and be a leader and have other communities follow them, pay the full stipends for these coaches."

Reynolds, who has been instrumental in helping the summer tennis programs and tournaments, went on to say that these coaches have been extremely loyal to their programs, the student-athletes, as well as being terrific role models for the town.

"On non-monetary issues, I just want to reiterate how much work and effort goes into what the coaches do," she said. "I think they deserve the respect and consideration from this committee and this town as a whole. I think that what they give should be reciprocated."

"It sort of leaves a bad taste, I would think, in their mouths if this committee and the district turns their back on them and doesn't pay them. It just makes sense from a loyalty perspective, from a leadership perspective, to pay these coaches their full stipends, not wait any longer."

Neither Brand or any member of the committee replied to her comments.

### CATS LOSE

#### TWO ATHLETES

Recently, it was announced on social

## Three Summer Baseball teams in the works

The Wilmington High School Baseball program has announced that it will have possibly three teams in the Lou Tompkins Summer League.

In the past, Wilmington has competed in this league under head coach Rick Hill and the players consisted of graduating high school seniors, but this year the league is making an exception because of the lost high school season. Therefore there will be three divisions, 13U, 15U and 'A', which is the graduating seniors.

The league is looking to start around or on July 6th, which includes a 15-game schedule and then playoffs.

Roster spots are expected to fill quickly, so interested players and coaches are urged to send an email to: aldocaia@yahoo.com or rik.hill@outlook.com.

media that two younger athletes at WHS, Riley Fitzgerald and Joe McCauley, will be attending school elsewhere. This has been an ongoing issue at the school for many years now, losing promising student-athletes to other institutions.

McCauley, who as a freshman split time as the quarterback of the WHS Football team this past fall completing 36-of-81 passes for 501 yards with 7 TDs and 6 interceptions, will be going to Dexter Southfield Prep.

Fitzgerald, a strong skater, who was a top forward on the WHS Boys Hockey team this past winter after coming over from Belmont Hill, will be attending the newly formed 'Boston Imperials Hockey Academy' at Matignon High School.

Matignon High's boys hockey team has been shifted to a co-op program with Revere and Malden and the Academy is totally separate from that team, more or less being compared to a Jr. Hockey program.

### CHANGES WITH HS SPORTS

Over the last week or so, the MIAA held meetings and voted on several changes for the upcoming seasons with a various different sports. It appears as if football will remain to have eight divisions, while both basketball and volleyball will spread out to five divisions, all starting in the 2021-'22 season.

Another possible change in volleyball could also happen. On May 28th, a representative from the Volleyball Committee will attend the Blue Ribbon Committee to give a presentation for the proposed rule change that would allow boys to play in the front row during game play, thus being able to spike the volleyball as a member of the girls team.

This possible rule change has brought up a number of safety issues. Tewksbury coach Alli Luppi was asked her thoughts on the possibility of this happening.

"I've heard about the upcoming rule change. It seems most coaches I've talked to are against it, which I completely understand. I play co-ed volleyball quite frequently, and I can only imagine how

hard the men would hit if they were hitting on a women's net instead of a men's net. With this being said, I'm still interested in learning more about the proposal from both sides."

Back in 2006, under then TMHS head coach Kerry Lane (now Kerry Kane), the Redmen Volleyball team qualified for the state tournament for the first time in seven years and had a boy on the roster, Colin Walsh, who played in the back row. But because Walsh was on the roster, Tewksbury was forced to move up and play Lexington in the Division 1 North Sectional tournament, although the Redmen should have been a D2 team.

"The way we played him, we should not be moving up to D1," said Lane at the time. "It's not like he is there in the front row with huge power. Colin is a great player, but we have not had him serve all season and he's been behind the ten-foot line all season."

### REDMEN FOOTBALL NO. 14 IN DECADE

This past week, MaxPreps announced the top 20 high school football programs of the decade.

Here's the top-30 list and their total points.

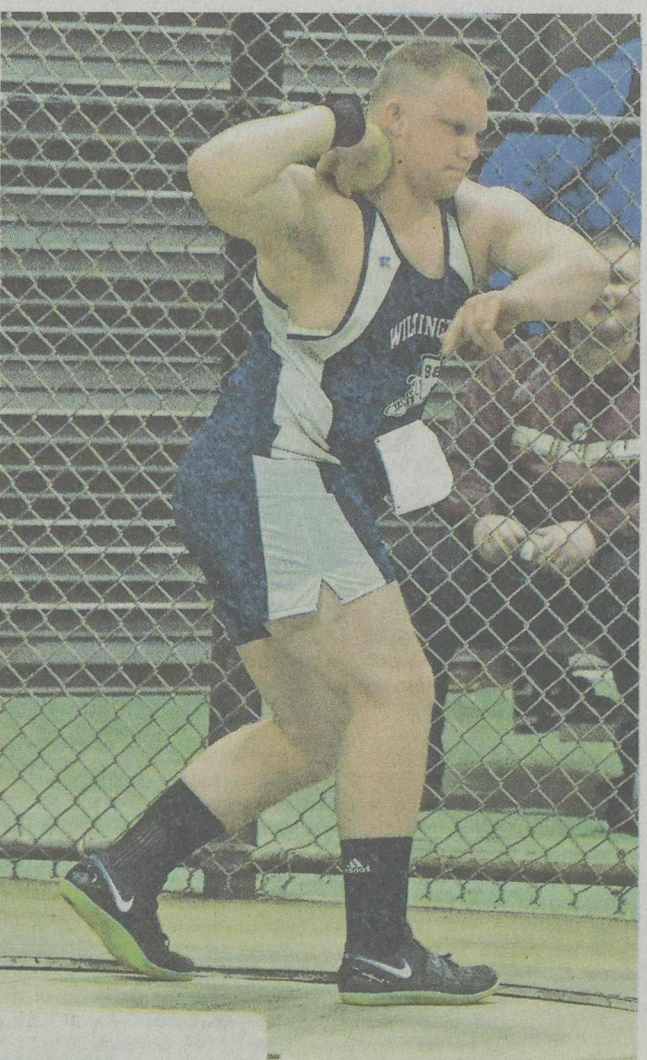
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### HIGH HONORS

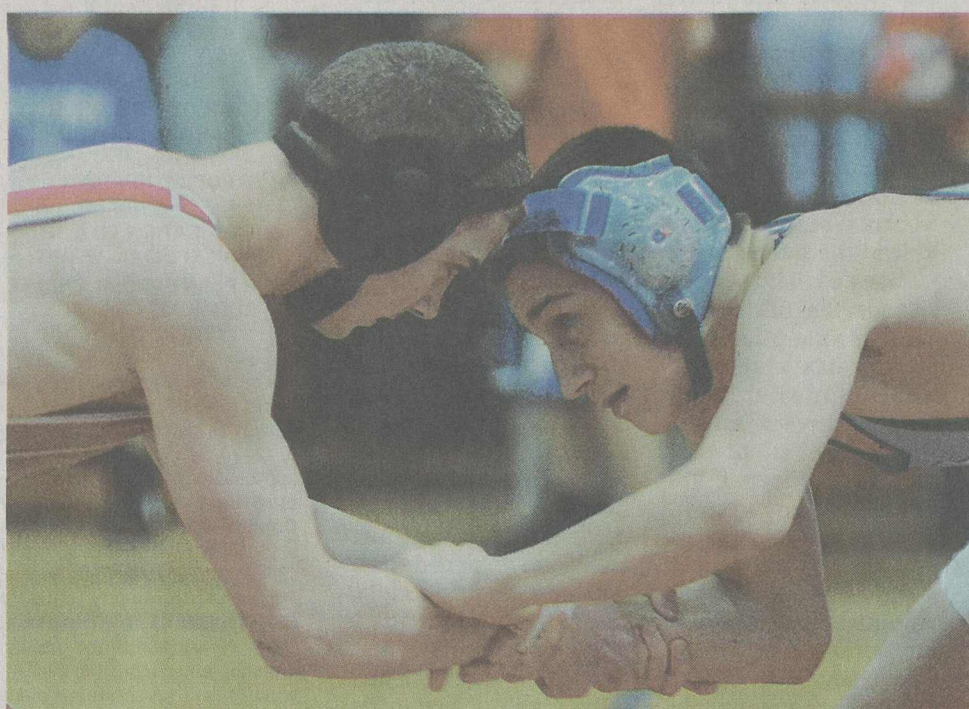
Jackson Gillis was named to the Boston Herald's All-Decade Second team this past week.

Also a big congratulations are in order for the WHS Girls' Basketball team as all 12 players on this past year's roster were named to the Honor Roll or High Honor Roll List at the school.

Lizzie McDermott contributed to this report.



Eli Jennings was a Class C Champion in the shot put and he is among the members of our All-Decade Track Team. (file photo).



Back in the early part of the decade, Shawn Adams was a force on the mat, which included finishing second at the state meet. He is one of the members of our All-Decade Wrestling team. (file photo).

## All-Decade Wilmington High Wrestling Team

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON - Over the course of the decade, the WHS Wrestling program had two coaches, competed in two leagues (like all of the WHS teams) and like most of the other teams, had its ups and downs in terms of wins and losses.

Mike Pimental - who should be in the WHS Hall of Fame - ended his coaching career in the first four years of the decade compiling a dual meet record of 38-43 and had two wrestlers capture three combined sectional titles.

Joel McKenna took over for the 2013-'14 season and from then until the 2018-'19 season, he compiled a dual meet record of 68-88, which included sharing the Middlesex League Freedom Division league championship title in his first year. He also guided five wrestlers to league championship titles and three others to sectional championship titles.

All in all the program finished 107-131 with one league title, six individual league champions, five individual sectional champions and also had five wrestlers surpass the 100-win plateau of their careers.

Again, these picks are made by me, and qualifications include that the athletes must have stayed with the program through their senior seasons, but current athletes can qualify.

### ALL-DECADE TEAM

Shawn Adams: He had a terrific career, which

included finishing second at the state meet during his junior season. He finished with a 105-42 record, was a Cape Ann League Champ, a sectional champ and a four-time sectional place finisher.

Gaven Carta: Carta enjoyed success on the mat which included finishing fifth at the D3 State Meet, while finishing second and twice taking fifth at the sectional meets. He finished his record at 73-45.

Alex Furlong: One of two of the decade's best wrestlers, Furlong finished as a two-time sectional champion, a four-time sectional place finisher and a two-time state place finisher. He ended his career with a 108-25 overall record.

Joe Ganley: This past season doesn't count, but before that, he captured a sectional title and placed the year before, while averaging about 25 wins a season. He is on pace to tie or break some program records this coming year.

Tom Gorman: It's pretty impressive to place at the sectional meet once, but he did it all four times of his career, finishing fifth, fourth, third and third again. He also placed eighth at the state meet during his senior year, and closed out his career with a 77-40 record.

Cody Halliday: Halliday had a sensational career, finishing with 135 wins which ranks him second all-time in the history of the program. He was also

a four-time sectional place finisher, and also was a two-time state place finisher, taking third and fourth and had success at the All-State Meet picking up a few wins.

Sam Jennings: Jennings had 151 matches in his career and won 113 of them, ranking him seventh all-time in program history. He was a Middlesex League Champion, a three-time sectional place finisher, and also grabbed a seventh place at the state meet.

Fox Maxwell: He is currently enjoying a fine career at Bridgewater State, but before he got there, he along with Furlong were the two top wrestlers of the decade. He finished with 106 wins, as a sectional champion and three-time sectional place finisher, and also was the only wrestler of the decade to place at the all-states, taking fourth.

Shane Penney: Again this past year doesn't count as he upped his win total to 98, but in his first two years, he was a two-time sectional place finisher taking third and fourth, and also had an eighth place finish at the state meet as a sophomore.

### RESERVES:

Jacob Bernard  
Patrick Carroll  
Paxton Cook  
Jon Ho  
Colin Hoffman  
Lou Larffarello  
Andy Lesperance  
Alex Ripianzi  
Nick Troy

## All-Decade Boys and Girls Indoor Track Teams

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The ongoing series of the WHS All-Decade Teams continue this week with Boys and Girls Indoor Track-and-Field and in a separate story, the wrestling program.

Starting with the boys track, it was a relatively solid decade for the Wildcats. Mike Kinney was named the head coach before the 2010-'11 season, which was the last year in the Cape Ann League. That year the 'Cats finished 6-4. After that, the team had three other seasons over .500, including 2012-'13 (4-1), 2017-'18 (3-2) and then 2018-'19 (4-1). In his nine years, Kenney had a record of 27-24.

Also during the decade,

the team celebrated with one individual and one relay team title at the Class C Meets. In 2013, the 4x400 relay team of Pat Barry, Colin Chase, Andrew Sears and Steve Halas took the title and then the following year, Eli Jennings tossed 50-07.50 in the shot put to be crowned the champ.

Once again these picks were made just by me. The qualifications include the athlete has had to stay through senior year, but current athletes do qualify. Also, when it says an individual ranks as one of the top all-time in his/her event, that is since records were changed from yards to meters.

### ALL-DECADE TEAM:

Greg Adamek: He really broke it open this past season but that doesn't count, yet before that as a junior, he ran among the program's best times in both the mile and two-mile. He did have a strong sixth place finish in the mile at the Class Meet as a junior.

Erik Alatalo: Truthfully, he really flourished after high school, first at Bentley and then during performances at the Boston Marathon, but he is still among the program's top-10 performances in both the mile and two-mile.

Nate Downs: He tied the school record in the high jump of 6-1, which still stands nine years later. He

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## Part 2 of Series

## 1975 Track Team repeated as Class C Champions

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If anyone had any serious doubts that the Wilmington High School varsity boys track team wasn't ready to duplicate their 1974 performance in the spring of 1975, all one needed to do was to listen to how one of the best track coaches in the Merrimack Valley Conference felt about the Wildcats and their venerable coach Frank Kelley.

The press was all ears as they gathered around the Andover High School track to catch what Golden Warriors coach Dick Collins had to say after being stunned by Wilmington in 1974. Collins was never one to toss around empty handed compliments, so these words just about stopped local reporters in their tracks on that track. It was a very memorable post-meet presser to say the least. Mr. Kelley would have loved that "tracks on that track" play on words for sure. But those words rang true way back then. They still ring true today. Great coaching never gets old, it just gets imitated in the hope that greatness can eventually emerge.

The Wilmington Wildcats of those 1974-75 years were a spring track juggernaut. The Wildcats of 1974 were for real, and with a solid nucleus returning in 1975, it was clear that Collins knew exactly what he was up against for two consecutive years.

"My team had a 93 dual meet winning streak that was snapped by Frank and his Wilmington kids. Frank was the best coach that I ever faced. He is a tremendous gentleman and friend, and of course an outstanding track coach."

When asked if the Wildcats would be good again in the near future, Collins smiled and with that he quickly moved on to the next question. Perhaps he knew what he was up against? The Wildcats of 1975 were The Little Engine That Could-Part Two.

Kelley emphasized work and repetition from his track athletes and students. There was foot placement and arm action on the track, study and homework in the his math classroom. Kelly would go

to track clinics in the summer, and he learned about better coaching techniques over the years by watching other coaches and athletes.

And in 1975 Kelley had another elite group of track athletes. Once again the coach didn't boast about having a lot of depth on that 1975 team, but the track athletes that he lined up in every event were some of the best in Massachusetts.

Kelley peppered his practices with the desire of seeing that each and every athlete worked hard to achieve their personal best performance every week. If he was a tough grader in the classroom, Kelley's gentler side often emerged at track practice. That never meant that he didn't expect everyone on the team to put in the necessary work.

"He really was the only teacher that I knew that would give you a negative grade," remembers former Wilmington High School Director of Athletics Ed Harrison, who would go on to be a fine teacher of football at Wilmington High School. "I figured that you would at least get something for writing your name. Frank would explain why you got a negative eight. Your friends would get a 28 and he would tell them- 'good job'. He made us all want to do our best in the classroom. I got a bunch of A's in math courses at UMass-Amherst because of the work that Frank had me do in his classes at Wilmington High School. He definitely had his ways about him in that class."

"Before he had that walking stick I remember that he hit the intercom speaker in the room with a broom stick and knocked it right off the wall. Frank made that class so much fun that I almost majored in math in college. I had fun, but I was prepared, starting with my junior year in that Algebra II class."

That attitude that Harrison talks about years later extended to Kelley's practices every day. On his way to and from football practice Harrison could hear Kelley's voice booming all the way to the locker room, exhorting his team on day after day.

Doug Stewart, Bob Reid and Bruce Bishop had all

graduated before 1975, but Kelley still had that nucleus around in 1975 that helped guide the Wildcats to another excellent season. That year the team rolled to an 8-1 record, losing only to Andover, 73-72 in dual meet competition. There would be a memorable moment that Kelley figures cost the Wildcats a second straight upset victory over the Golden Warriors.

"McCully was running the 120-yard high hurdles, and he hit the first hurdle. He hit it so hard that it flew up in the air and hit Gerry Stabile from Andover in the lane next to him. Rick finished second. Everything doesn't always go right in a track meet, since there are so many different things going on. McCully was still leading going into the third hurdle, in spite of it all. It threw his timing off."

Wilmington did manage to win the Class C Meet again, so Kelley was more than satisfied. McCully's high school track career reached a high point in this meet when he ran a record 19 seconds flat in the 180-yard low hurdles.

It wasn't until 1986 that a Kelley spring track team came close to matching those seasons of 1974-75. The 1986 team had some fine athletes that included Frank Dinsmore (relay, 880), Chris Athanasia (javelin), John Desforge (440) along with Eric (sprints, jumps) and Kevin Cripasuk (hurdles, long jump).

"Victory is always more pleasant than defeat, but I still remember things that I did 14, 24, 34 years ago that could have helped us to get a win. But, then again, I probably won some meets that I probably had no business winning," said Kelley many years later.

It was remarkable that another small school like Wilmington came close to running the track table again in 1975.

No story of that 1975 team would be complete without mentioning Steve Winchell's record breaking throw of 162'10 in the discus at the state trials in his senior season. It was an incredibly memorable achievement moment when Winchell outdistanced a pair of talented competitors from Duxbury. Winchell arguably was the best dis-



Frank Kelley admires his sparkling new trophy and awards room that in the basement of his home. Friends and neighbors helped the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame track coach and math teacher spruce up his home in the final years of his life. Memories of his 1974-75 WHS spring track team lined the walls of the room.

(photo by Rick Cooke).

cus thrower in the history of Wilmington High School spring track. Steve's only regret was that he wished he could have carried the great success of the trials into the state meet.

"I remember we went to the state meet in Andover and it was pouring rain," Winchell said to the Town Crier in 2012 when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. "I was sort of a tall and skinny kid who had more speed than strength and the rain affected me a lot. I really relied on my technique and I could not get good traction. Some of the bigger, muscular guys were able to compensate for it, but I could not."

Winchell was one of the many Wilmington High athletes coached-up to greatness under the leadership of legendary Hall of Fame coach Frank Kelley, and Steve he credits Kelly for much of his success.

"I loved Frank. He was a great, great coach," Winchell said in the same 2012 story. "He spent a lot of time with me from my freshman all the way through my senior year. We had some top-rated guys, but really he was just an outstanding coach. I was a tall and skinny kid who did not have much power, but he coached me to set a record. That guy could coach anything. He was just amazing."

Bob Butler was a multi-

sport standout at Wilmington High School, graduating in 1980. Butler ran cross country for Frank Kelley and played varsity basketball before getting back on the track bandwagon every spring. He even was an assistant track coach on a volunteer basis from 1981-83. Butler remembers what that 1975 spring track team and performers like Winchell meant to the history of Wildcat sports.

"Steve was a big kid, and was probably a freshman or a sophomore on that 1975 team," says Butler. "He was the greatest discus thrower that we ever had at Wilmington High School. I ran track from 1977 until 1980, and I remember that several guys from those great 1974-75 teams coached us."

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Beat Chelmsford 78-69; Bob Sferrazza breaks program's high jump record; Other firsts from Frank DePiana in shot put, Steve Winchell in discus, MacInnis and Coville; Beat Austin Prep 116-29 and then Central Catholic 94-51.

At MVC Relays: Wilmington finished second as a team led by four first place teams including high jump trio of Nee, Mark Blaisdell and Sferrazza and Dana Rouesche in the long jump;

At Central Invitational: Wilmington finished first

place as a team. Rouesche was double winner in triple jump and 200; Nine other first places;

State Coaches Relay Meet: team finished third led by first place shuttle hurdle team of Joe Tannian, Peter Brown, Don Capone and McCully; Defeated by Andover 73-72 and then beat Tewksbury 108-37;

Coaches Invitational: Nee tied for first in the 440, and 880 relay team of McCully, Sferrazza, Rouesche and Nee broke school and meet records with their first place finish;

Class C Meet: Wilmington takes first place, winning by 21 points over Acton-Boxboro. Place finishers include: Rouesche second in long jump and fourth in 220; Tannian fifth in long jump and fifth in low hurdles; Spring second in two mile; Ian MacInnis fourth in two mile; McCully first in 180 low hurdles (19.0) which was a meet record; Mile Relay was first with Nee, Tony Gravalles, Rouesche and Steve Coville; Sferrazza finished third in dash; Nee was third in 400; Coville was second in 880 which was a school record and the 4x110 relay team finished in fifth place.

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## College Sports Notebook

## Gracia and Smith were off to promising starts this season

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With the college spring sports season being canceled throughout the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town Crier has been unable to provide our readers with our college roundups, highlighting the exploits

of our local college athletes performing at schools all over the country.

Over the past several weeks, we have highlighted the careers of many of our local athletes who were slated to senior captains on their teams, and heard their stories of what it has been like to

miss out on their final season of competition.

Of course, in addition to these senior captains, there are many other student athletes, seniors and otherwise who have had their seasons and or careers ended prematurely due to the virus. This week we have done our best to highlight some of

these student athletes, looking back on what they have accomplished during their careers, as well as others who have been honored for all of their hard work and dedication despite the cancellation of the season.

## BASEBALL

A pair of sophomores for the Franklin Pierce Baseball team, right handed pitcher Danny Gracia and outfielder Graham Smith, were both off to promising starts for the Ravens this season.

Smith had appeared in all 15 games for the Ravens, and was third on the team with a .321 batting average to go along with 12 runs scored, four RBI, four stolen bases and seven walks. Smith had gotten his season off to a great start back on February 22, when he went 5-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI in a 15-6 win over Mercy College.

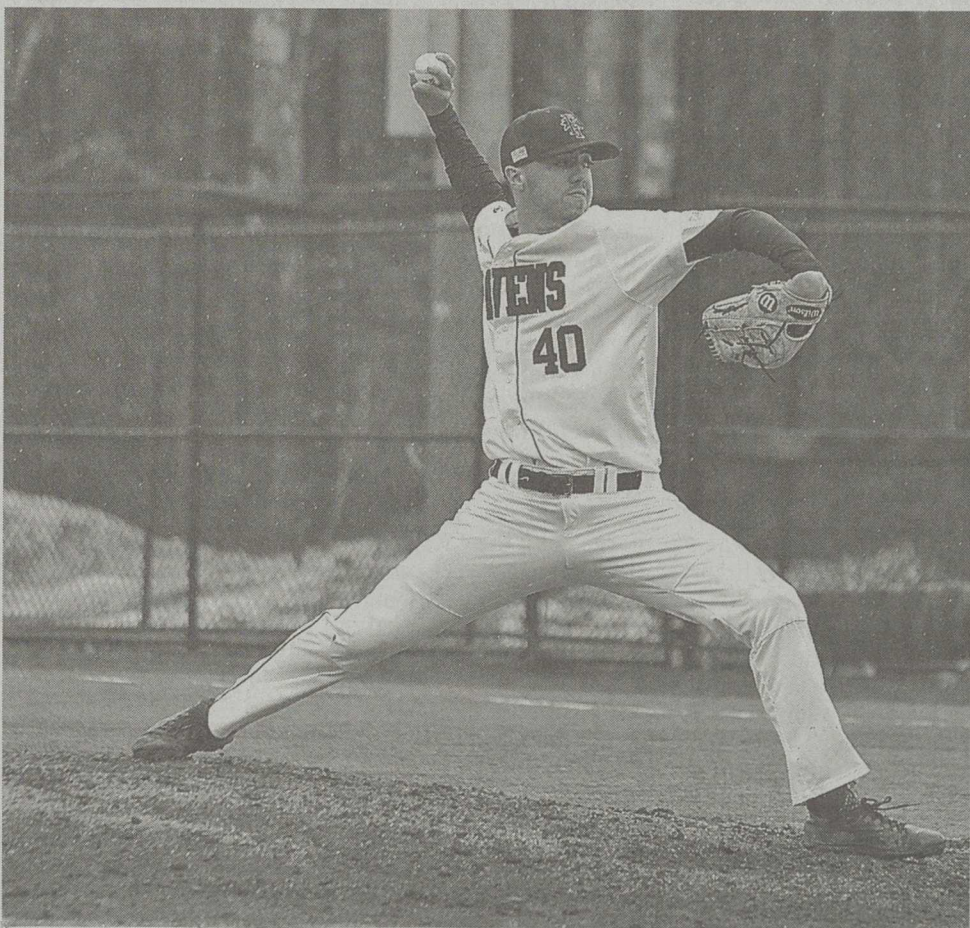
Gracia meanwhile, had appeared in four games, making two starts, posting a 3.46 ERA, with a 1-1

record to go along with one save. Gracia had struck out six batters in 13 innings. His best game had come back on March 7 against Frostburg State, when he picked up the win after allowing just three hits and two runs over seven innings as part of a 14-3 Ravens victory.

## TRACK-AND-FIELD

Senior Elisabeth Olson was one of five Worcester State University spring student-athletes have received Sportsmanship

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On the left, Franklin Pierce Baseball teammates Danny Gracia throws a pitch and above Graham Smith takes a cut at a pitch during game held last year.

(photos courtesy of Luke Tracy/Franklin Pierce Athletics).



# All-Decade WHS Boys and Girls Indoor Track Teams

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also ranks 7th in the long jump. As a runner, he was fourth in the 600-meters at the Class C Meet.

**Steve Halas:** He broke and owns the school record in the 1,000 meters, as well as several relay teams. He was fourth in the Class Meets in both the 600 and 1,000 meters. He went on to run at UMass-Lowell for a bit.

**Eli Jennings:** Broke and owns the school record in the shot put, throwing 53-01. He finished first, second and fourth at the Class Meets, as well as fourth, sixth and 12th at the All-State Meets.

**John Kenney:** Broke and owns school record in the 55-meter dash, while finishing third in the same event at the Class D Meet. But his main sport is football as a running back.

**Caleb Rogers:** A former Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year, who finished second in the 600-meters at the Class C meet and part of the best 4x200 relay team in school history.

**Marc Shibilia:** Broke and owns the school record in the 300-meters, while he also ranks third in the long jump. He also finished third and fourth at the Class C Meet in the same event and was 12th in the entire state, while adding a sixth in the high jump in 2010.

**Evans Perlinga:** Individually, one of his top highlights came with a sixth place in the 300-meters at the Class Meet, but he is also a part of the school record shuttle hurdle relay team.

**Jared Walsh:** A solid not flashy runner, who was seventh in the mile at the divisional meet, and was also part of the school record 4x800 relay team.

## Relays:

**4x200:** The team of Downs, Shibilia, Rich Barry and Rogers broke and own the school record with their time of 1:36.31 from 2010, finishing third at the Class C Meet.

**4x400:** The team of Pat Barry, Colin Chase, Andrew Sears and Halas captured the Class C Championship title with a time of 3:34.35 back in the 2013 season.

**4x800:** The team of Jared Walsh, Peter Warren, Alatalo and Halas broke and own the school record of 8:19.88, which came in 2013. That group finished sixth at the Class Meet.

## RESERVES:

Pat Barry  
Deven Langenfeld  
Ben Packer  
Ben Rohleder  
Ray Russell  
Andrew Sears  
Zach Sears  
Craig Smith  
Tyler Thomas

## GIRLS TRACK

In terms of wins and losses and individual performances, it was a big bag of results for the WHS Girls Indoor Track-and-Field team. The first five years was coached by Tom Bradley, and the best season was 2011-'12 with a 4-4 record. In his five seasons, it's believed that the teams finished 9-26 overall, which included two winless seasons.

The biggest highlight during Bradley's tenure was the 4x400 relay team of Alex Bischoff, Rachel Alatalo, Cassie Grasso and Kelly Hartsough, who finished fourth at the Class C Meet, fifth at the All-State Meet and then 11th at the New England Meet.

Brian Schell took over and after a 1-4 debut season, everything came together the second year as the team finished 5-0, which included the final regular season dual meet ending in dramatics. With the meet and the league title on the line, the 'Cats 4x400 relay team destroyed Burlington's team and made program history with the first Middlesex League Freedom Division title.

In Schell's five years, the team has combined to finish 12-13 overall with the one league title. During that time, he saw two individuals, Alexcia Luna and

Emma Garrity come home with Class D Championship titles in the 55-meter dash and the 600-meters.

## ALL-DECADE TEAM

**Rachel Alatalo:** In the post-season meets, she had more success as part of some really good relay teams, including one that finished 11th in New England, but individually, she ranks fourth all-time in program history in the 1,000 meters and sixth in the 600-meters.

**Alex Bischoff:** She didn't like the limelight but she certainly deserved it. A tremendous goal scorer on the soccer field, she owns the school record in the 300, was fourth at the Class Meet in the same event, and was also part of some tremendous relay teams.

**Julia Gake:** Outside of the class champions, Gake had the most individual success in the decade. She finished fourth in the Class Meet two straight years and continued that with 8th and 10th places in the entire state. She broke and owns the school record in the 1,000 meters and is second all-time in the 600.

**Emma Garrity:** It certainly was enjoyable witnessing Garrity capture a Class D championship title in the 600 and then going on to finish fifth in the state despite a loaded field. She owns the school record in that event and is also sixth all-time in the 300.

**Cassie Grasso:** A terrific three-sport athlete, who had incredible speed, her best event was the 300 where she finished 7th and 8th at the Class Meet, while she was also a part of that 4x400 relay team.

**Kelly Hartsough:** Another former athlete who I really enjoyed covering, she had strong performances both individually and as part of that 4x400 relay team. She placed sixth and seventh in the 600 and 1,000 at the



Among the members of the All-Decade Girls Track team, includes Rachel Alatalo, shown here during her days earlier in the decade. (file photo).

Class Meets. She owns the third best time in the 1,000 and fifth best time in the 600 in program history.

**Hannah LaVita:** Throughout her three years, she tied for fourth place and finished seventh in the high jump at the Class Meets, while she tied for 15th place one time at the All-States. She owns the second best leap in program history and is also ninth in the long jump.

**Alexcia Luna:** The greatest female track athlete of the decade. She was crowned the 55-meter dash champion at the Class Meet and also finished 8th another time. In the 300, she finished second, fourth and sixth at the Divisional Meet. She also broke and owns the school records in the dash and 300, and is second all-time in the long jump.

**Elisabeth Olson:** A lot

like Erik Alatalo on the boys side, Olson really took off after high school, while at Worcester State. Still in this decade, she is second all-time in the program history in the mile, finishing at 5:29 - as the record holder Mary McNaughton was 26 seconds faster but coming in 1983. Olson is also sixth all-time in the two-mile, becoming the only girl in the decade to crack the top-10 list.

**Cali Pepper:** She had better individual performances and seasons in outdoor track, but she was still a successful sprinter indoors. She was part of several successful relay teams, and ranks sixth all-time in the 55-meter dash and 9th in the 300.

## Relays:

**4x200:** The team of Shannon Horgan, Alexcia Luna, Tori Sheehan and Thea Aliberti finished fourth at the 2017 Class

Meet with a time of 1:49.58.

**4x400:** The team of Bischoff, Alatalo, Grasso and Hartsough finished second at the 2013 Class C Meet. Collectively their best time was 4:05.55.

**4x800:** The team of Gake, Samantha Pitzl, Taylor Santry and Olson finished seventh at the 2015 Class D Meet. Their best time collectively was 10:15.08.

## RESERVES:

Danielle Baldi  
Catrina Fryer  
Victoria Lee  
Katie McLaughlin  
Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo  
Gianna Misuraca  
Samantha Pitzl  
Amie Russell

*This concludes the winter season of the All-Decade Teams. Next week, we will venture into the spring season with the baseball and softball teams.*

# Olson earns Sportsmanship Award at Worcester State

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the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. The MASCAC Sportsmanship Team is intended to recognize one student-athlete from each team in every sport that best demonstrates the values of the MASCAC and its Sportsmanship Statement, regardless of their overall performance or statistics for the sea-

son. While she would have earned the Sportsmanship Award regardless of her athletic accomplishments, Olson's overall performance throughout her career for the Lancers has been remarkable, whether it be in cross country in the fall, indoor track in the winter or outdoor track in the spring.

Olson was the MASCAC Cross Country Runner of the Year in 2018, winning the conference meet to lift her team to its second straight conference championship. She was also a MASCAC Champion 4x800 meter relay team during the 2019 indoor season. Olson is a member of both the indoor and outdoor 4x800 meter relay pro-

gram records.

"Elisabeth is one of the strongest runners to pass through Worcester State," Lancers coach DJ Raboin told the school's website. "As a team captain in both cross country and track & field, she led by example by putting everything she had into the art of running, putting her team first, and overcoming many hurdles thrown in her way."

Regis College junior thrower Sofia Puccio was hoping to improve solid junior outdoor season this spring. She entered the season on the heels of an indoor season where she competed in three meets, and set a personal best in the shot put with a throw of 8.19 meters at the Mary Grinaker Invitational as well as setting a season best mark of 7.45 meters in the weight throw at the Brandeis Invitational.

She had also performed very well during last year's outdoor season, finishing 14th in shot put at ECSU Invitational with season-best mark of 7.98 meters.

## TENNIS

Johnson & Wales University freshman Emily Hill was recently named the school's 2020 Female Rookie of the Year. The award was just the latest in a long line of accolades for Hill in her first year of collegiate tennis. Previously, Hill had been named GNAC Rookie of the Year after earning GNAC Rookie of the Week six times. She posted an

11-2 singles record with a 12-1 doubles mark.

## SOFTBALL

Babson College sophomore pitcher Logan MacDonald was looking forward to her second season with the Beavers after a promising freshman year where she appeared in eight games and made two starts, going 0-1 with a 3.79 ERA and 14 strikeouts in 24 innings, including one complete game.

Lesley University sophomore first baseman Antonia Kieran had entered the 2020 season hoping to build on a solid freshman season where she had played 23 games for the Lynx and posted a .277 batting average and an OBP of .382, with 13 hits, five doubles, and seven RBI. She also had a .953 fielding percentage over the season.

In nine games this season, she had batted .227, with three RBI, three runs scored, a double a triple and a stolen base.

Rivier University junior infielder Katie Welch was looking to continue the steady improvement she had shown as a sophomore for the Raiders. After batting .171 as a freshman, Welch had raised her average to .217 as a sophomore, with seven runs scored and four RBI.

## SULLIVAN HONORED

Babson College senior Maeve Sullivan, of the cross-country team, was recently recognized for

her off the course efforts at Babson when she received the Student Contribution Award from the school.

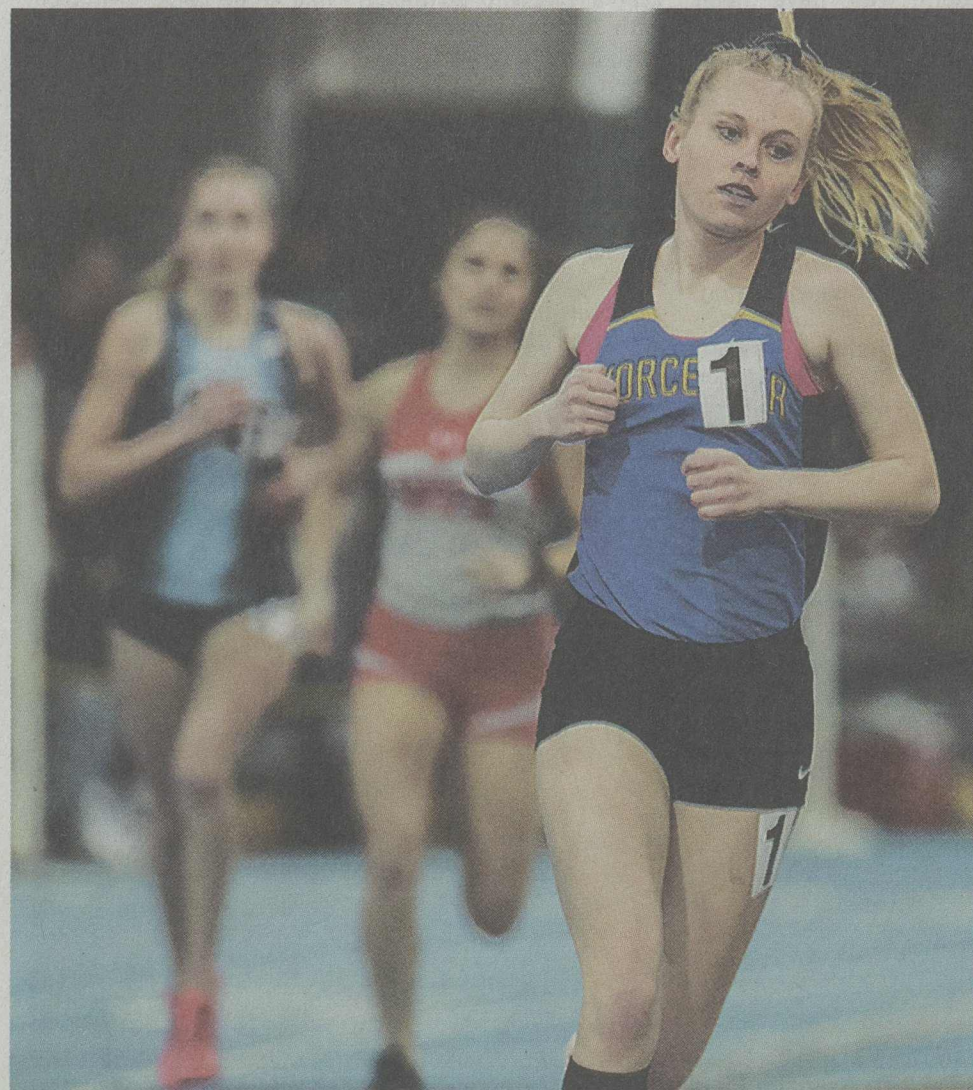
Among Sullivan's at Babson included her serving the campus community in her roles as a peer on wellness (POW), peer mentor, and summer resident assistant. As a POW, Sullivan advocates for health and wellness education, resources, and programming to promote student well-being.

As a peer mentor, she helps first-year students transition into Babson and mentor them throughout their first semester of college.

In addition, Sullivan work two jobs during the school year as both a student assistant in the alumni office and a peer consultant in the writing center.

With or without athletics, Sullivan's time at Babson would have been noteworthy, but she also shined as a member of the Beavers Cross Country team. This past fall, as a senior, she competed in five of six meets and finished with an average time of 22:29 in two 5K meets and 27:10 in two 6K races.

She also recorded a career-best time of 21:47 in the 5K at the Keene State Invitational on October 5 and posted her top career time in the 6K (27:00) at the Western New England on October 19



Elisabeth Olson finished up her collegiate career running at Worcester State College. (courtesy photo/WSC).